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Spokesman denies Bazargan quitting

TEHRAN, March 9 (R) Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, facing mounting economic chaos and revolutionary turmoil, returned to Tehran Friday after talks in the Holy City of Qom with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Rumors have circulated in the capital for several days that Dr. Bazargan, appointed premier by the religious leader after last month's revolution, wanted to resign.

Government spokesmen have consistently denied the rumors and a cabinet minister told Reuters Thursday that the Bazargan cabinet was planning to see through its mission until an Islamic republic was formally established.

Dr. Bazargan and eight of his cabinet ministers traveled Thursday to Qom, 150 km south of Tehran.

The talks with Ayatollah Khomeini were described by cabinet sources as covering "matters of national interest."

Thursday Iran announced it was cutting off all grants and loans to Egypt, a move apparently aimed at President Anwar Sadat's defense of the Shah.

The timing of the announcement by Deputy Minister Amir Entezam also coincided with the visit to Egypt of President Jimmy Carter.

"Iran was not a major source of economic aid for Egypt," said one knowledgeable economist in Cairo who declined to be identified. "The move seems more symbolic than anything else."

Sadat hosted the Shah in January when he left Iran in escalating street violence and has telephoned him in Morocco on several occasions to invite him back.

In a ringing statement of support late last month, Sadat said that he had explained to the new Iranian government that "these are the manners of Egypt and we are afraid of nothing."

Egyptian sources estimated that during 1977-1978 Iran had committed up to \$1.5 billion in financing and oil to Egypt but others said that the amount actually given in the form of long-term loans or grants had been less than \$300 million since 1974.

One Egyptian diplomat, who (Continued on back page)



HOLY SHRINE: King Khaled leaves the Holy Kaaba after a visit to Mecca where he inspected plans and recent renovations.

King returns to Jeddah

JEDDAH, March 9 (SPA) — King Khaled has returned here after inspecting renovations around the Holy Kaaba and designs for expanding Zam Zam Well and praying at the Holy Haram in Mecca.

The King was accompanied by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan.

In Mecca, the King was met at the Holy Haram by Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz, Sheikh Nasser bin Muhammad Al-Rashed, board chairman of the two Holy Harams, the custodians of Ba'it-ulah Al-Haram as well as other officials.

After visiting the Holy Places, King Khaled went to Bathae Palace, where he received and dined with the throngs of citizens who came to wish him well.

To open office Arafat to visit U.K.

LONDON, March 9 (SPA) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat will visit England soon to open a PLO office in London. "Ashraf Al-Awsat" reported Friday.

The London-based newspaper quoted PLO representative Nabil Ramlawi as saying the visit will follow "the recent positive change" in Britain's position on Middle East developments.

Ramlawi, it said, welcomed a statement by Foreign Secretary David Owen calling on members of the European Economic Community to recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Ramlawi said the new British position, "constitutes a clear recognition of the PLO."

But British officials have denied remarks attributed to Owen that the Common Market countries should issue a new Middle East statement. It would have given de facto recognition to the PLO.

They said that Common Market foreign ministers at a luncheon meeting in Brussels last Tuesday had agreed that the EEC should refrain from issuing any statement until President Jimmy Carter completes his current trip to Egypt and Israel.

There was no discussion of the PLO at the Brussels meeting, the officials told reporters.



Yasser Arafat

Sadat hopeful ; Carter not

More talks seen after Israel visit

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, March 9 (Agencies) — Presidents Jimmy Carter of the U.S. and Anwar Sadat of Egypt wore different faces Friday on the prospects of Carter's Middle East trip leading to an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

After a train trip through the Egyptian countryside Carter was pessimistic about the chances for success while Sadat said only a few words separated the Egyptian and Israeli positions in the talks.

Sadat said the two countries are on the verge of signing a treaty after months of deadlocked negotiations.

Sadat surprised Carter by his upbeat mood, and Egyptian sources were at a loss to explain his confidence in reaching an agreement with the Israelis.

Carter, who will leave for Israel Saturday night, was much less hopeful.

"Obviously, we'll go to Israel with some differences remaining," he told reporters aboard the train. "I'll do the best I can to resolve these differences."

"We obviously came on this trip without any assurance of success," Carter said during the four-hour trip from Cairo, during which he was greeted at every town by enthusiastically cheering Egyptian crowds.

There was no explanation why Sadat felt he had reasons for optimism, since the first round of talks with Carter Thursday night had ended on an inconclusive note. The two talked again on board the train.

They have been discussing a set of American proposals for breaking the Egyptian-Israeli impasse in the peace talks which were first given to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in Washington last Sunday.

Some Egyptian sources suggested that Sadat was reacting too enthusiastically to the excitement generated by the huge throngs who greeted him and Carter along their train's route.

Others suggested he was signaling his intention to make major progress as the two men talked later Friday night and Saturday.

Another theory was that Sadat was laying the groundwork for putting the burden of blame on



CARTER'S VISIT: President Jimmy Carter of U.S. and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt wave to crowds in Alexandria after their arrival by train Friday. (AP wirephoto)

Israel if the Israeli cabinet refused to accept changes he is seeking in the American plan.

"I am ready to sign an agreement," he said as he and Carter waved to cheering throngs from an open balcony car on the train.

"I have found there is no obstacle in the way," Sadat declared. "There is only a misunderstanding about the main issues."

"Apart from this ... yes, I think we are on the verge of an agreement."

Asked to say what the main obstacle was to the conclusion of a peace treaty with Israel, he replied: "It may appear ridiculous, but only some words here and there — only some words."

Carter said he expected to leave for Israel Saturday for talks with Begin but he would not be concerned if he had to stay in Egypt for another day.

"Another day in my life: would not be very significant compared to the prospect of improving the chances for peace," he declared.

U.S. officials said later that Carter might return to Cairo "if he hits the jackpot" — meaning agreement by Sadat and Begin on any changes in the new American proposals.

Carter's original schedule calls for him to leave Israel for Washington on Monday.

If a treaty seemed virtually cer-

tain but required more negotiating, the president might extend his Middle East stay by a day or two but was determined not to engage in shuttle diplomacy between Egypt and Israel, the officials said.

Neither did he intend to stay in the Middle East if his mission did not succeed by early next week.

If he thought he had failed, he would return to Washington on Monday without any attempt to salvage the situation.

PLO calls for summit

WASHINGTON Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is calling for an Arab summit in Riyadh to discuss the latest developments in the Middle East, Palestinian sources told "Arab News" here Friday.

The conference of Arab kings and presidents would be pre-

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Saudi Arabia rejects U.S. aircraft offer

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia has refused a U.S. offer of 18 American-manufactured F-15 fighter aircraft for temporary support at home if the Saudis decide to go to the aid of embattled North Yemen, Defense Department sources said.

Pentagon sources said Saudi Arabia had indicated it did not want the F-15s, which were offered a few days ago.

The sources said the Kingdom apparently wanted to see how neighboring North Yemen's bat-

tle with South Yemen progressed.

Pentagon spokesman Tom Ross said there was no suggestion that the planes would be expected to engage in combat. He also said the F-15s, if sent, would not be permanently based in Saudi Arabia.

The United States sent a squadron of unarmed F-15s to Saudi Arabia in January as a strictly symbolic gesture of support.

The United States has agreed to sell North Yemen 12 F-5 fighters a transaction now pending before Congress.

Ross said there has been no decision to expedite the F-5 deal.

In another development related to the security of the region, Ross said the Defense Department was considering designating a new fleet — the Fifth Fleet — to operate regularly in the Indian Ocean.

Ross emphasized that the study of the Fifth Fleet idea, which was requested by Defense Secretary Harold Brown, was in its infancy and the idea could only be considered as a possible option for improving stability in the Gulf area.

He said Brown had asked the navy and the joint chiefs of staff to consider it.

In Amman — North Yemeni President Ali Saleh discussed the Yemen situation with King Hussein of Jordan during a brief visit.

Official sources said King Hussein confirmed Jordan's support for maintaining stability along the Yemeni border during the talks at the airport's royal lounge. The Yemeni leader later-

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Guinea leader in UAE Israeli withdrawal urged

ABU DHABI, March 9 (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Guinea have called on Israel to withdraw from all occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem.

A communique issued Wednesday at the end of a three day visit by President Ahmad Sekou Toure of Guinea also said that the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the establishment of their own state must be guaranteed.

The Guinea leader left for Jeddah, after talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan on increasing bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest, the official Emirates News Agency said.

The communique said the two countries condemned Israel's expansionist policy which obstructed Middle East peace efforts and denounced cooperation between Israel and racist governments in South Africa and Rhodesia.

The two countries said they were satisfied with the progress of Arab-African cooperation and solidarity.

Muslim unit protests raid

JERUSALEM, March 9 (R) — The Supreme Muslim Council in East Jerusalem has published a strong protest against an attack Wednesday on the council's offices on Haram As-Sherif by followers of Meir Kahane, the extremist former leader of the American-based Jewish Defense League.

Police arrested five men Wednesday after they broke into the office and caused damage there.

Kahane told newsmen his men and Mauritania took over from Spain in 1975.

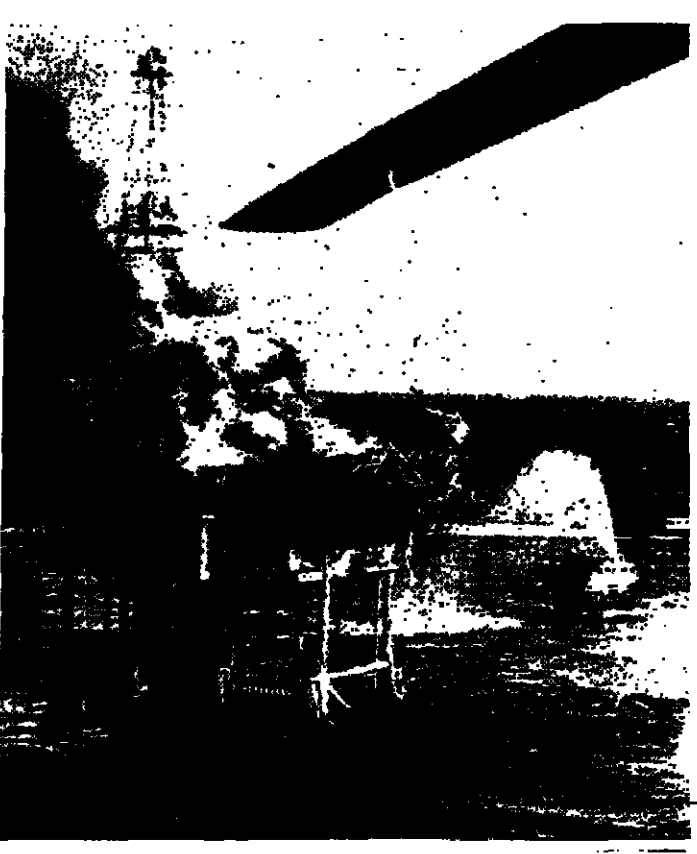
The Polisario has been fighting a guerrilla war in the territory since the take-over and recently has hit into southern Morocco itself.

The Moroccan foreign ministry announced the moves less than 24 hours after King Hassan II announced the formation of a national defense council to decide on further measures against the Polisario.

Rabat severs ties with Addis

RABAT, March 9 (AP) — Morocco Friday broke off diplomatic relations with Ethiopia and recalled its ambassador from Syria in protest against their support of the Polisario guerrilla movement in the annexed Sahara.

Ethiopia recently recognized the Algiers-based government-in-exile of the Sahara Arab Democratic Republic, proclaimed by the Polisario in the desert territory which Morocco



BURNING OIL RIG: Boats spray water on the Penrod oil rig, 45 miles off the Louisiana coast, after it burst into flames March 5, killing at least two crewmen and slightly injuring four others. Six men were reported missing. The fire occurred at the section of the platform being used to drill a natural gas well and the flames did not spread to other producing wells on the same platform. (UPI wirephoto).

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King Faisal Hospital gets go-ahead for 250 new beds

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Royal Approval was granted Friday for carrying out the first phase of extensions to King Faisal Specialist Hospital here.

Out-patient clinics will be considerably expanded. 250 beds will be added to the

hospital and new villas and building will be constructed for the nursing staff.

Planning is also under way to set up a special unit for kidney transplants and to a program for cornea transplants the hospital said.

The \$100 million hospital

was opened in 1975 with 250 beds. It is operated on behalf of the Royal Court.

According to a statement of the hospital administration, last year a 14-bed intensive care unit was added with five beds set aside for patients undergoing open-heart surgery.

In addition, a nine-bed infant resuscitation ward is now in operation.

The administration said that a further 150 beds for regular patients were under consideration. Cancer patients will be admitted to permit the hospital to treat cancer patients from outside the capital. A conference hall and two seminar rooms will also be built shortly.

A greater number of Saudi doctors will be appointed to work at the hospital, the administration said. By the summer, eight graduates of the College of Medicine at Riyadh University will start training at the hospital as interns before specializing.

The hospital also plans to issue a regular magazine covering research under the title, "The Saudi Arabian Medical Journal".

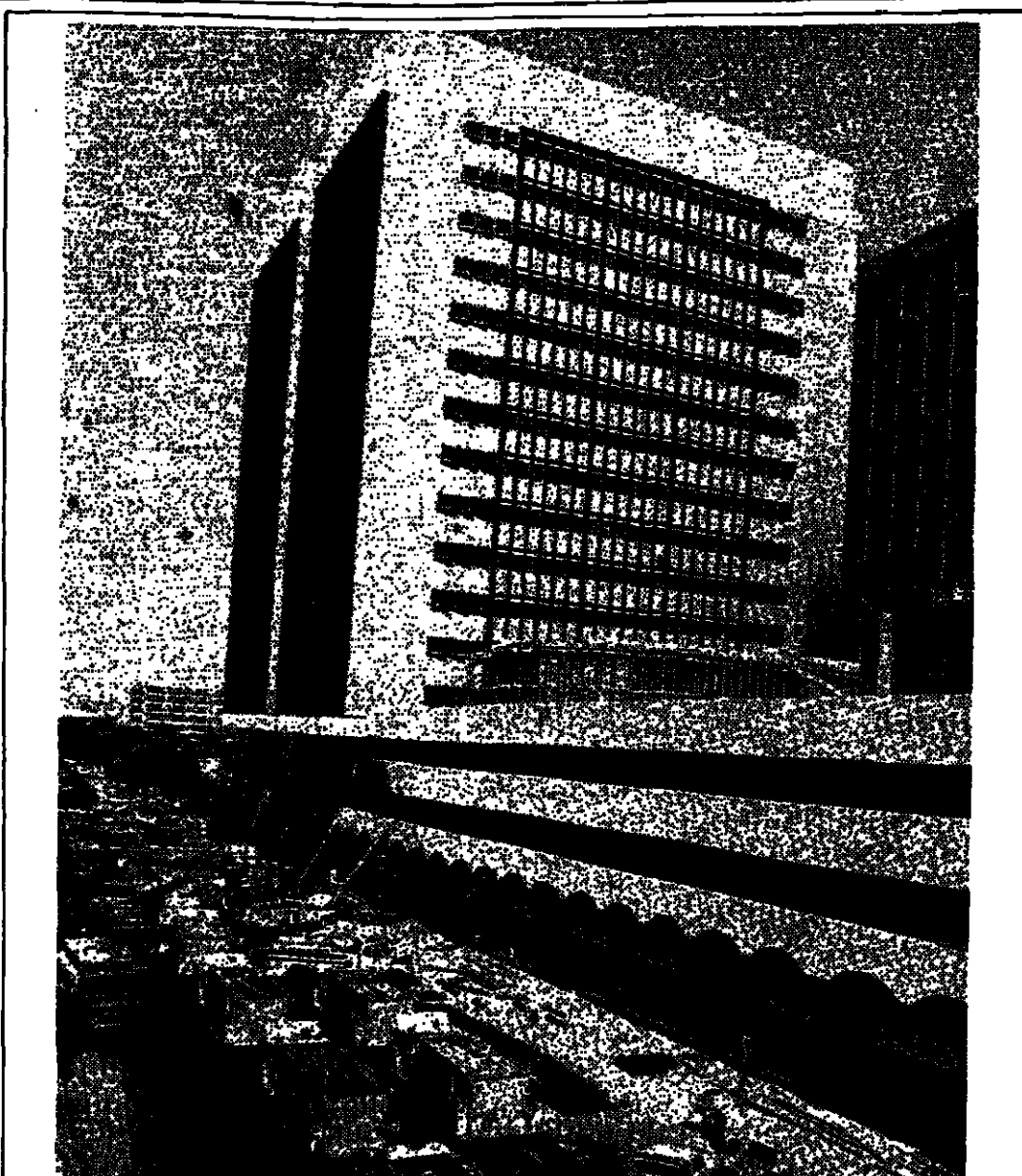
On March 27, the hospital will organize the Fourth Saudi Medical Conference in Dammam.

In Jeddah Wednesday — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz opened the new Dr. Abdul Rahman Baksh Hospital.

The 200-bed hospital cost SR63 million and was constructed under a modular system of ready-built units.

Jordan c-in-c here for talks

JEDDAH, March 9 (SPA) — Gen. Sharif Zaid ibn Shaker, commander-in-chief of the Jordanian armed forces, arrived here Thursday on a short visit to Saudi Arabia. He was met at the airport by Commander of the Western Province Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi and other officials.



HOTEL FIRE: Fire engines jammed Jeddah's Airport Road Friday afternoon after fire blazed through the lower stories of the Sheraton Hotel, which has been under construction for over two years. There were no casualties and the fire was brought rapidly under control, Civil Defense officials said. (Arab News photo by Nagi)

Petromin says

Jeddah refinery port ready by July

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — A \$300 million tanker port to supply Jeddah's domestic refinery will be completed by July, Petromin has announced.

The project, being executed by the Greek contractor Petrola south of Jeddah Islamic Port, is 70 per cent complete, the state petroleum and minerals organization said.

The new port will take crude shipped from the major export

refinery at Ras Tanura on the Gulf to supply Petromin's Jeddah refinery. The port will handle tankers of up to 100,000 deadweight tons.

Construction work on the port began with the completion of an expansion of the refinery, which now has capacity of 240,000 barrels a day.

The project called for the reclamation of 600,000 square meters of coastal land owned

by Petromin and construction of a tanker pier and four kilometers of steel pipeline to the refinery. Six ancillary docks and tank storage facilities are also under construction.

At present, there are no plans for further expansion of the refinery. A major domestic refinery is one of the projects slated for Yanbu to meet the needs of the Western Province.

Guinea president in Medina

MEDINA, March 9 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Medina Sheikh Saad Al-Nasser Al-Sudairi, Thursday gave a dinner in honor of President Ahmad Sekou Toure of Guinea and his delegation. The Guinean president arrived here Thursday afternoon to visit the holy places in the city.

Six hotels going up in south

JEDDAH, March 9 — Six hotels are going up in Ahha, Khamis Mushait, Baha and Biliurshi to provide more than 1,000 rooms, Abdul Aziz Al-Jasser, director of the Hotels Department of the Ministry of Commerce told "Al-Jazirah" newspaper Friday. The state provides 50 per cent of the total costs and is sending hotel employees for training at the Bahrain Hotel Training Institute.

Malaysia team to seek Saudi aid

KUALA LUMPUR, March 9 (AP) — A 10-member delegation led by Kelantan State's Chief Minister, Mohamed Yaacob, left Thursday night for a two-week tour of Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Kuwait and Egypt. They will seek financial and other assistance for Islamic institutions in the state as well as investment and trade.

Hunting closed-season starts today

RIYADH, March 9 (SPA) — Saudis and foreigners in Saudi Arabia were advised Thursday that the hunting will be banned from Saturday, March 10. A statement by the Interior Ministry said that poachers will be liable to severe penalties, including expulsion from the military or the civil service.

Farisi pays visit to Jakarta

JAKARTA, March 9 (SPA) — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi arrived here Thursday on a short visit to Indonesia for talks on cooperation.

Fawaz to attend Tunisian dinner

JEDDAH, March 9 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz will officiate Monday at a reception given by the Tunisian embassy at the Meridian Hotel to mark a Tunisian tourist week which starts Sunday.

Gaye leaves for bank meeting

JEDDAH, March 9 (SPA) — Dr. Amadou Karim Gaye, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, left for Kampala Friday to attend the second meeting of governors of Islamic central banks. The two-day meeting which opens Saturday, will review experts' findings on banking and financial cooperation between OIC member states and prepare a set of recommendations for the 10th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Rabat, May 7-12.

KAAU sports team set for Tunis

JEDDAH, March 9 (SPA) — A 60-man sports team from King Abdul Aziz University here leaves for Tunis Saturday for several cultural and sports events with Tunisian university students.

League chief returns from Karachi mission

JEDDAH, March 9 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Mecca-based Muslim World League, returned here Friday after a short visit to Karachi for a meeting with Pakistan President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq.

During the visit, Sheikh Muhammad, a former Saudi justice minister, congratulated Gen. Zia on new Islamic legislation promulgated last month. The measures include Islamic punishments and the Islamic wealth tax called Zakat.

Sheikh Muhammad praised Gen. Zia for these moves to enforce the Sharia.

The Pakistani president

thanked Harakan for the continuous financial and moral support for Pakistan from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

Friday, a ceremony was held in Karachi to mark the renaming of a residential quarter after King Faisal. The new Faisaliyya, formerly known as the Drigh district, has a population of about one million.

The ceremony was attended by Pakistani Minister of Works Fida Muhammad Khan and other senior officials.

Gen. Zia earlier ordered the renaming of the road linking Karachi Airport to the city center after King Faisal.

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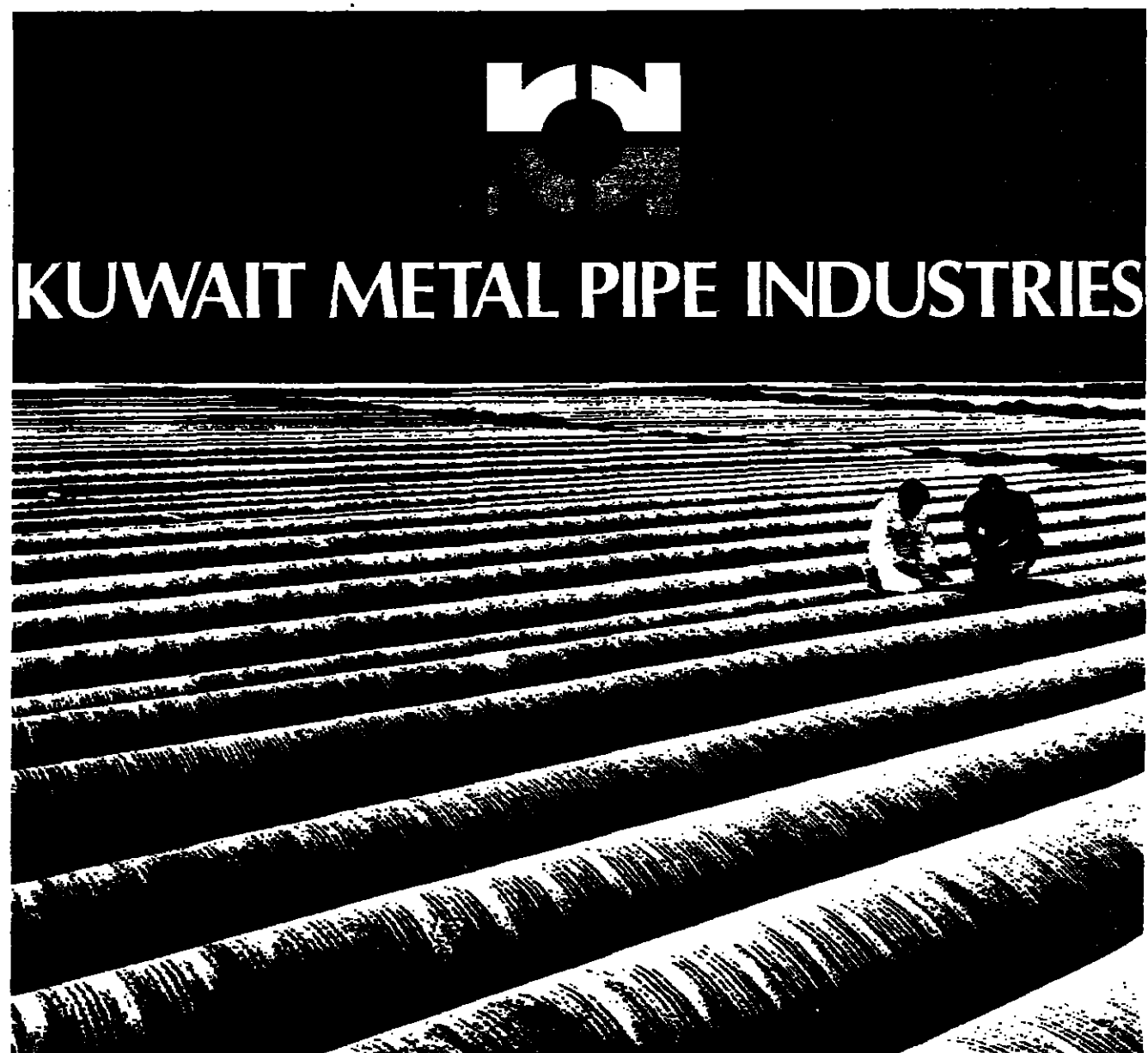
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Abdul Ghani premier

Chadli names ministers in Algeria

ALGERIA, March 9 (AP) — Algeria's new President Benjedid Chadli pledged Thursday to continue the policies of the late President Houari Boumedienne and named a new cabinet.

At the close of a three-day meeting of the ruling National Liberation Front, Chadli named Muhammad Ben Ahmad Abdul Ghani prime minister and minister of the interior.

Abdul Aziz Bouteflika, Boumedienne's foreign minister for several years, was elevated to senior presidential advisor along with Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim.

Chadli, 49, former army commander in the western region of the country, was selected president at a party congress in January after Boumedienne's death. His selection was formally ratified in a referendum Feb. 8.

Following is the list of the new government:

Muhammad Ben Ahmad Abdul Ghani — prime minister and interior minister

Abdul Aziz Bouteflika — minister counselor to the president

Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim —

minister counselor to the president

Abdul Malek Ben Habyes — general secretary of the presidency

Muhammad Seddik Ben Yahia — foreign affairs

Salim Saadi — agriculture and agrarian revolution

Sid Ahmed Ghozali —

water resources

Ahmad Ali Ghozali — public works

Belkacem Nabi — energy and petrochemicals

Said Ait-Messaoudene — light industries

Muhammad Lyassine — heavy industries

Muhammad Haj Yala — finance

Abdul Hamid Ibrahim — planning and national equipment

Abdul Razak Bou Hura — health

Abdul Hak Brehri — higher education and research

Muhammad Kharroubi — education

Moukoud Oumeziane — labor and vocational training

Abdul Ghani Akbi — trade

Muhammad Zerguini — post and telecommunications

Abdul Majid Aouchiche — housing, construction and urbanism

Muhammad Sherif Mesaadia — war veterans welfare

Baki Boualem — religious affairs

Jamal Hoochou — sport

Abdul Majid Aouchiche — tourism

Saleh Goudji — transport

Lahcene Souf — justice

Abdul Hamid Medi — information and culture

Hassan to set up council on Sahara, sources say

RABAT, March 9 (R) — King Hassan will set up an all-party national defense council to deal with a worsening crisis in the Western Sahara, political sources have said.

Moroccan troops are under pressure from guerrillas of the Polisario front, fighting for the independence of the desert area which was a Spanish colony until Madrid ceded it to Morocco and Mauritania three years ago.

The decision to set up the council was taken, because of "a deterioration of the situation from the political, military and diplomatic stand point," the sources said.

The council, presided over by the King, who is also minister of defense and commander-in-chief of the armed forces, will have two members from each party represented in parliament, according to the same sources.

Until court rules

Zia holding off on Bhutto appeals

KARACHI, March 9 (R) — Pakistan's head of state Zia ul Haq has said he could not consider international clemency appeals for condemned ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto before the Supreme Court had given its verdict on a review petition.

Lawyers for Bhutto have petitioned the court to review a judgement it delivered last month, confirming that Bhutto should die for organizing a political assassination four years ago.

Zia said former Minister Abdul Hafiz Pirzada, who met him recently, had pleaded that Bhutto be spared.

But nobody should have the power to go against a court

verdict, Zia told reporters in Rahimyar Khan, 550 kilometers northeast of Karachi, Thursday.

Since it was a criminal case, his government had tried to treat it as such, he said.

Pirzada, who served in Bhutto's government Thursday is had made any clemency plea to Zia.

Slaying of former prime minister

Iraqi denies guilt in London killing

LONDON, March 9 (R) — An Iraqi official accused of helping in the murder of a former Iraqi prime minister in London last left the scene at least 20 minutes before the shooting, his defense lawyer has told a court.

Saudi Abdul Rahman Al-Shukri, 40, denies the murder

last July of Col. Abdul Razzak Al-Naif, who was prime minister for 23 days in 1968.

The prosecution alleges that Shukri flew from Baghdad to carry out a political assassination with Salem Ahmad Hassan, 26, who has pleaded guilty to shooting Naif outside London's Intercontinental Hotel.

Shukri told the court Thursday that he had not known Naif, 44, was in London until after he arrived here and had been introduced to him at a London club.

His lawyer told the court that Shukri had first met Hassan as they both left the same plane in London.

Libya denies 'Al-Ahram' report of 20 executions

TRIPOLI, March 9 (AP) — Libya has denied an Egyptian report that 20 Libyan army officers had been executed for plotting to overthrow Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

In a Paris report, the Egyptian newspaper "Al-Ahram" claimed Wednesday that the execution took place several weeks ago at an Air Force Academy building in the city of

Misrata.

"The report is false and ridiculous," the state-run JANA news agency said, adding that Libya's political system "has no scope for military coup or things like that...."

JANA rejected as "another lie by the Egyptian media" that coup attempts had led Qaddafi to consider disbanding the Libyan army.



TEHRAN: Protesters at a leftist Fadayeen rally recently chant slogans in the rain at Tehran University. (AP photo)

Reportedly leading troops

Chad minister killed in fighting

NDJAMENA, March 9 (AP) — Chad's deputy foreign minister, Hissene Al-Khali, was killed Tuesday in fighting in the country's month-long civil war, reliable sources reported Thursday.

Al-Khali, 30, was leading a group of troops loyal to Premier Hissene Habre when he was killed. Other details were not known.

Meanwhile Ibrahim Moussa, the religious leader in the capital, warned Thursday of another massacre similar to one last week in southern

Chad when at least 800 were killed.

In a statement to a correspondent of Agence France Presse here, Moussa said soldiers loyal to President Felix Malloum were preparing the massacre of Muslims "without even worrying about what could happen to their families in the north, center and east" of Chad, where Muslims are in the majority.

The second cease-fire signed in two weeks between Habre's forces and those of Malloum lasted only eight hours before shooting, and mortar fire broke out again in the capital Wednesday.

And Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has accused Egypt of intervening in the civil war, and said that scores of Muslims have been killed in the eastern Chad town of Abeche.

French and Egyptian troops took part in the killing, Qaddafi said Thursday according to the official Libyan news agency JANA.

In a dispatch sent to London, the agency Qaddafi quoted as saying:

"Scores of Muslim Chad citizens died as martyrs yesterday in the city of Abeche, particularly as a result of an attack launched by French and Egyptian forces against the inhabitants of the city...."

French troops were flown to Chad to back Malloum after Habre's forces attempted to oust him. But there have been no reports from Chad of Egyptian troops being there.

The Libyan-backed guerrilla movement Frolinat, opposed to the government in Ndjamena, controls the northern region of Chad.

Jana quoted Qaddafi as saying that Libya would stand by Frolinat to the end.

Police said the men were caught at a checkpoint near the Rosh Hanika border post, while they were on their way back to join their unit.

Paratroop wings torn off the tunic of one of the soldiers during the robbery matched a tear in his shirt, they said.

U.N. official charges provocation by Israeli

JERUSALEM, March 9 (R) — A United Nations official has charged that an Israeli officer committed a serious provocation by accompanying a group of armed rightist militiamen who were trying to infiltrate a U.N. protected zone in South Lebanon.

The official said in a statement issued here that the Israeli major, about 20 militiamen and a group of 30 elderly Lebanese arrived in a convoy of seven civilian vehicles Tuesday at a post manned by French troops in the western sector about one kilometer north of the border.

The Lebanese civilians said they were going to the village of Anhis to mourn the deaths of four children killed while playing with a mine.

The official said the situation became very tense when the militiamen rejected a suggestion that the Lebanese group should be transported through the zone in French military vehicles. He did not know how the incident was resolved.

In Haifa, Israeli police Thursday arrested three French soldiers serving with the United Nations Truce Forces in Lebanon on suspicion of robbing a street vendor Wednesday.

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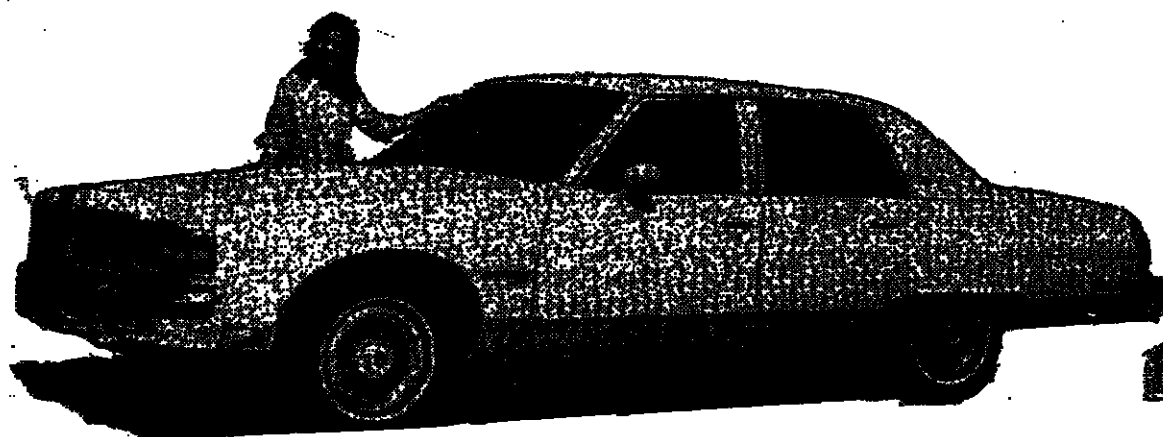
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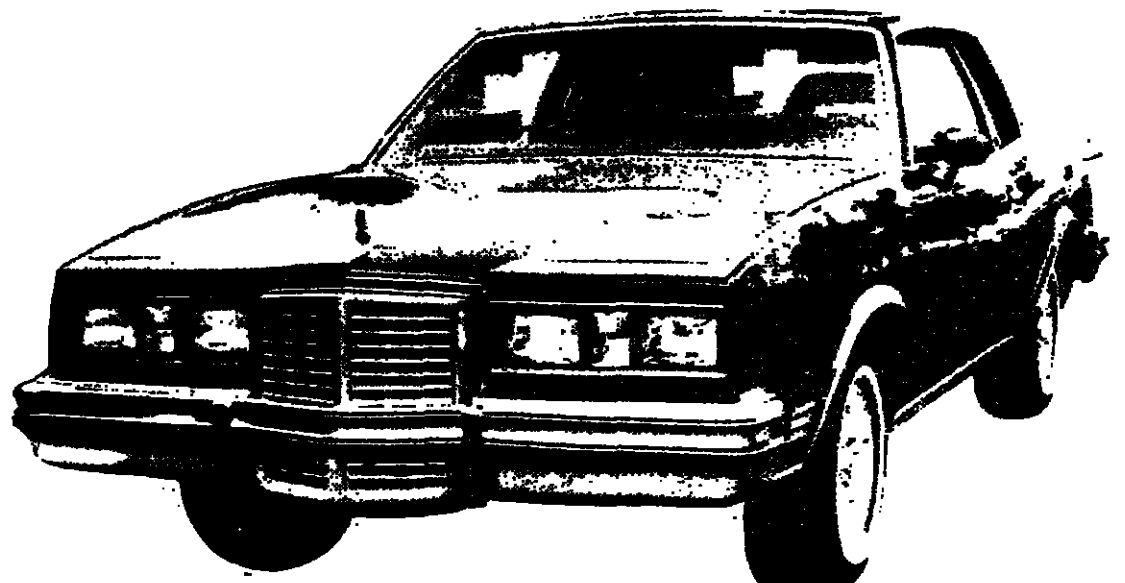
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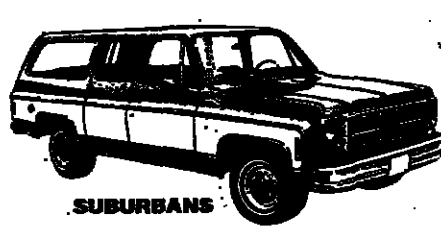
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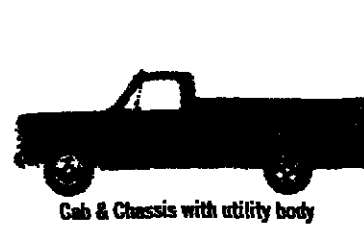
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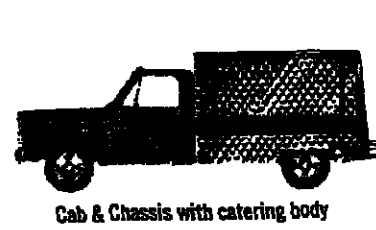
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Andreotti tries again

Early election in Italy seen likely

ROME, March 9 (R)—Christian Democrat Giulio Andreotti has agreed to try to form a new government and end Italy's seven-week political crisis—but an early election appears to be the likely outcome.

Andreotti, who has been caretaker premier since his minority Christian Democratic government fell on Jan. 31, accepted the mandate from Socialist President Sandro Pertini this week and will ask par-

liamentary approval for a new cabinet.

Two

If he is successful the new government will break with tradition in having two vice-premiers.

But it was not clear if the Communists, who pulled out of the Parliamentary backing Andreotti's last government, would agree to support him now.

The Communists at first demanded cabinet posts but

later said they would back a new cabinet if it included independent leftist members of parliament, many of whom were elected on the Communist ticket. The Christian Democrats refused.

Condition

President Pertini asked two prominent politicians to become vice-premiers—Republican Party Ugo La Malfa, who failed

last Friday in his own attempts to form a government, and ex-President Giuseppe Saragat, a Social Democrat.

La Malfa accepted immediately but Saragat made his acceptance conditional on the inclusion of leaving independent in the new cabinet.

It was not immediately clear if the Christian Democrats, some of whom see these politicians as communists in disguise, would agree.

Two left-wing independents mentioned as possible ministers are former Common Market Commissioner Altiero Spinelli and Rome University Rector Antonio Ruberti, who are not Communists.

Sources said the Socialist Party, third-largest in Parliament, had told Christian Democrats that Spinelli might be regarded as a Socialist while Ruberti is considered an independent.

It was also not clear which parties form the government, apart from Christian Democrats, Republicans and possibly Social Democrats.

The Socialist Party has not spelt out its position on a new government, the Christian Democrats have said they will not accept Communists in the government, but only in the parliamentary majority supporting it.

If Andreotti succeeds in forming a government, it will be the first time since the end of World War II that Italy has had two vice-premiers. La Malfa once served alone as vice-premier under the late Aldo Moro.

Election

Andreotti, a veteran politician who first won office in 1974, faces several major obstacles, the sources said.

The most difficult was Christian Democratic insistence on guarantees of support from other parties. Another was a Communist demand that Christian Democrats should not fill ministries on the basis of party factions.

If agreement cannot be reached, an election is inevitable.



GREAT RED SPOT: Voyager I took this picture of Jupiter's so-called, Great Red Spot 1.1 million miles from the planet. The white areas are cloud formations. (AP photo)

Io alive and kicking

Voyager finds Jupiter's ring

PASADENA, Calif. March 9 (Agencies)—The Voyager 1 spacecraft has discovered a ring around the massive planet Jupiter, scientists have reported.

Bradford Smith, head of the Voyager I picture analysis team, said Wednesday at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here that the ring was made of large particles which take about seven hours to circle Jupiter.

The ring photography by Voyager 1, was probably less than 30 kilometers thick and was probably thousands of kilometers wide, Smith said.

In Flux

Voyager 1 has also provided photographic evidence of lava flows on the Jovian moon of Io indicating the satellite is still developing. This may explain the absence of craters on its surface, scientists said Thursday.

"The material surrounding that volcano is very young," said Edward Stone also of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "That

immediately leads one to the conclusion that Io is not a dead planet. It has a hot interior, just like the Earth."

Voyager 1, an unmanned spacecraft, passed within 172,000 miles of Jupiter on Monday. The craft has sent back astounding pictures of the solar system's largest planet and its moons. The spacecraft is hurtling towards Saturn to take a similar series.

Smooth.

Since the close-up photographs were beamed back to Earth, researchers have been puzzled by Io's smooth surface. Scientists often estimate the age of a solar body by counting craters, contending that every solid object in the solar system was pummeled by fragments during the planet-forming process more than 4 billion years ago. Earth, they point out, has few craters, signaling a relatively young and active planet, while the pock-

marked surface of our own moon means it has changed little since the bombardment.

"It (the smooth surface) tells us that over the last 10 million to 100 million years, the surface there has been active, the planet (Io) has been active," said Laurence Soderblom, a U.S. Geological Survey Scientist.

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U.S. cracks down on illegal students

WASHINGTON, March 9 (R)—The U.S. government began a crackdown on foreign students who stay in the country after their visas have expired.

Attorney General Griffin said in a statement Thursday the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) would tighten control of student visas issued to aliens entering the United States.

The move followed a discovery by INS last month that INS had lost track of thousands of foreigners allowed into the country to attend American universities.

His spot check on the came after Iranian student the Los Angeles area involved in violent clashes police in January during demonstrations against the family of Shah.

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Sitting and watching

Ford leaves options open for 1980

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—Former President Gerald Ford has said he is not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, but would not rule out the possibility of running.

In New York to speak on energy policy, Ford was asked at a news conference Thursday if he was a candidate for the presidency.

"I certainly am not," he replied. "We've got a lot of good

candidates in the Republican fold... I'm going to sit and watch it and enjoy it."

Ford was asked if he would make a "Shermanesque statement" about his political plans, a reference to Civil War Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's famous quotation: "If nominated I will not accept. If elected, I will not serve."

"I don't think it's good to go that far," Ford answered. At a speech at the Hotel

Pierre, Ford said the United States faces "a very, very serious energy crisis" and predicted the failure of the nation's energy policy "will engender serious public wrath."

Speaking to a conference on electric utilities, Ford predicted that when the nation's energy policy does fail, "somebody will be held accountable."

"The ax will fall," he said. "I'm not identifying who... but somebody will pay the price."

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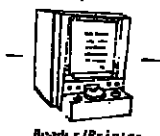


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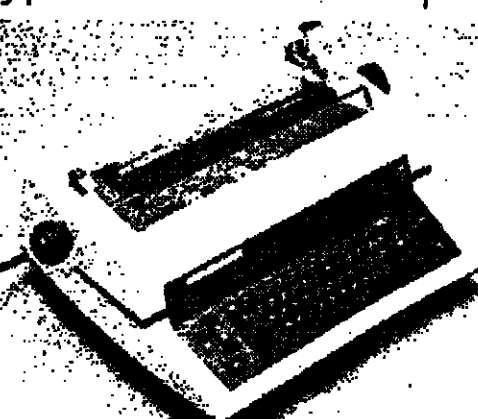
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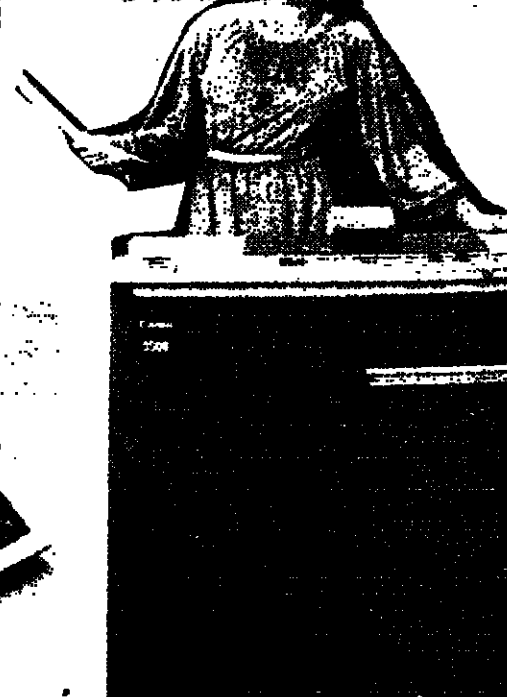
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Dutch premier absolves Luns of Nazi charge

THE HAGUE, March 9 (Agencies) — the Dutch government accepts NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns' explanation that he never had any sympathy for the Dutch Nazi movement despite belonging to it in the 1930's, Prime Minister Andreas van Agt has said.

The government would also accept Luns' explanation that he was enrolled as a member by his brother, so long as there was no proof to the contrary, he said during an emergency debate in Parliament Thursday.

Parliament later rejected by 62 votes to 50 an opposition Socialist Party motion calling for further investigations into Luns' membership in the National Socialist Movement (NSB) between 1933 and 1936.

Socialist leader Joop den Uyl had pressed the motion, saying the issue had compromised the position of Luns and damaged Holland's standing abroad.

But van Agt maintained the government was of the view that his membership of the NSB should not affect Luns. Now 67, Luns was a law student in Amsterdam during 1933-36.

Van Agt also said the information on Luns' membership, given to him by the government-backed War Documentation Institute in February, did not warrant any action.

Luns was foreign minister of Holland for 15 years until he went to NATO in 1971.

He said in a statement issued earlier Thursday, one of my brothers has told me that he became a member of the Dutch National Socialist Movement in 1933 or 1934 and also registered me as a member at the same time.

"He also said that, when it became clear to him that I had no sympathy for the party, he cancelled my membership."

Den Uyl said during the debate that the question of whether Luns had consciously been a member of the Nazi Party was not very important. But if he had lied about it, "his position would be untenable."

It was for the government to verify his statements, he added.

When the first reports of his membership surfaced a week ago, a spokesman for Luns at NATO headquarters in Brussels described them as "completely false." Later, Luns told reporters there must have been "a misunderstanding" — he said he had never joined the NSB.

Luns then let it be known privately that a member of his family might have been involved in getting him on to the party rolls, but it was not until Tuesday that the brother was officially identified and Thursday before Luns explained in the letter published by the government.

Rudolf Hess in hospital with undisclosed illness

BERLIN March 9 (AP) — Rudolf Hess, former deputy to Adolf Hitler and the last inmate left in Spandau Prison, has been taken to the British Military Hospital for treatment of an undisclosed ailment, a British official has said.

He said the 84-year-old Hess was in somewhat better health

than when he was sent to the same hospital 11 days ago with bronchitis and breathing problems.

Hess, who has been in custody since an abortive wartime flight to Britain in 1940, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Nuremberg by the victorious Allies for waging aggressive war.



ON THE ROCKS: The United States Coast Guard cutter Scoto lies jammed on the banks of the Missouri River near Leavenworth, Kansas, where an ice floe left it last week. (AP photo).

Defector claims knowing about NATO alert plans

EAST BERLIN, March 9 (R)

— A NATO secretary who defected to East Germany two days ago said in a television interview Thursday that she knew details of the alliance's military alarm plans.

Asked by an East German interviewer if she had knowledge of NATO's top secret plans to deal with a military emergency in case of a threat of East-West war, Ursel Lorenzen answered "of course."

She gave no more details.

Miss Lorenzen, 40, said she worked in the "Council Operations Directorate" in the International Executive of the Western alliance in Brussels.

She said her department was responsible for what she called "crisis management," responsible for working out political and military coordination in an emergency. The alarm plan formed a basis for developing such crisis plans, she said.

Asked what kind of work she had done during her 12 years at NATO, Miss Lorenzen said, "I was involved each year in planning all NATO exercises, that is helping in the planning, execution and afterwards with the

results of the exercise."

Miss Lorenzen gave some details of NATO's "Wintex-Climex" command exercise, designed to test the West's responses in the event of a nuclear emergency, and which she said began Wednesday.

The exercise envisaged a scenario in which Western states would create and fuel political trouble spots and underground movements in Communist states, she said.

Whooping cough in U.K. most severe in 22 years

LONDON March 9 (AP) — Britain is being swept by its worst whooping cough epidemic for 22 years, according to figures issued by the Office of Population Census and Surveys.

In the last quarter of 1978, more than 19,000 cases were reported, five of them fatal, and that was nearly 7,000 more than the previous quarter, and the highest quarterly figure since 1957, the year in which whooping cough immunization was

London 'Times' to publish again April 17

LONDON, March 9 (R) — Britain's oldest and most influential daily newspaper, the "Times," has announced it planned to resume publication on April 17.

The management of the Times Newspapers group and labor unions agreed Friday after 11 hours of overnight talks with Employment Minister Albert Booth as mediator, to hold negotiations to end the dispute which has closed the "Times," the "Sunday Times" and sister publications since last Nov. 30.

Times Newspapers suspended publication after failing to win agreement from the unions on computerized typesetting technology, outlawing of wildcat strikes which cost more than 13 million lost copies last year, and an end to overmanning.

All previous attempts to resume negotiations foundered on the unions' refusal to meet the management unless it withdrew dismissal notices served on 3,000 employees.

But Friday the management said they would be given full reinstatement and lost wages when agreement has been finalized and publication is resumed.

The "Times" plans to publish again with obituaries of all the eminent people who died since its last appearance.

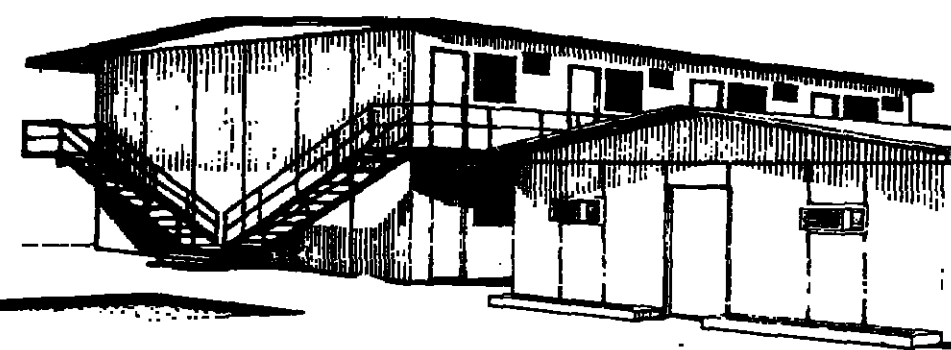
The newspaper prides itself on being a journal of record, and it will also bring out supplements on the news it has missed during its long silence.

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Marxists are doomed

By Jonathan C. Randall

AHWAZ, Iran—The no-nonsense tone of authority and command came across unmistakably from behind the general's monumental desk at 92nd division headquarters here in the center of Iran's oil industry.

The message was that Iranian oil exports would resume after a two-month hiatus without fear of technical or political problems, once the revolutionary government gave the go-ahead.

But the speaker was wearing a black turban, flowing brown robes and a beard. He was a small, port-bellied cleric who is running this oil industry capital in the name of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of Iran's triumphant revolution.

Ayatollah Mohammed Ali Mosavi, chain-smoking cigarettes between telephone calls and signing the papers produced by two army captains, seemed urbane and categorical.

He reassured foreign visitors that the Marxist forces in Tehran, a powerful force in pushing for radical changes ranging from a people's army to workers' decision-making on oil policy, are "not a big problem for us."

"The Marxists are not going to get changes in the army, and they cannot dictate oil policy," he said, waving his hand dismissively.

The answer was as definitive as the six nails adorning the wall behind the young Ayatollah's head where the once obligatory portraits of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Empress Farah and Crown Prince Reza had hung.

At the headquarters' entrance — manned even in these times of mass desertion by clean-shaven, smartly dressed troops — a banner proclaimed: "The army is now with the people."

It had not always been that way. The day after the Shah left Iran on Jan. 16, armored troops here went out of control.

Gen. Shams Tabrizi, the deputy division commander, stopped the rampage and consequently was still tolerated in his own headquarters, "although he is not in charge as before," the Ayatollah said.

More than 120 generals have been retired in the past week, and perhaps half the officers and men have gone underground, despite reiterated appeals to report for duty.

The mass retirement of generals is less a purge than a decision reflecting the knowledge they would not be obeyed by their men.

Asked why few officers above captain were visible, Mosavi said, "we don't care about rank, although there are some colonels about. I feel confident with these new captains."

The two key young men who ran the two-month oil strike that helped strangle the monarchy talked coldly about their problems with Marxists, and how they hope to whittle them down.

Mehdi Mustafavi, 35, and Muhammad Reza Shamsi, 37, both oil company engineers and ardent Muslims, conceded that the Marxists in the past had made serious inroads by "swearing on the Holy Koran" and posing as Khomeini supporters.

With the backing of only 2 per cent of the oil workers, Shamsi said the Marxists had elected 35 per cent of the delegates from the now defunct strike committee.

"But now the workers, especially the day laborers, know them and have caught onto their tricks," he added.

Democratic elections over the

past 10 days for a new provisional revolutionary committee of the oil industry in Ahwaz — with delegates elected by smaller, lower-level committees — reduced Marxist representation to about 15 per cent.

If the Khomeini camp has its way, moreover, even the new committee will be short-lived, it is supposed to disappear once the new management is in the saddle.

A respected lawyer, Hassan Nazih, recently was appointed head of the National Iranian Oil Co. and is expected to take over effective management almost immediately.

Depriving the Marxists of Khomeini pictures and slogans for their demonstrations and meetings is a principal tactic of the Islamic militants. Shorn of such protective coloration, the Marxists are doomed, religious militants believe.

"Under the Shah, Iranians were compressed like a spring," a leading Khomeini official said. "Now the spring has been released and it is only natural that differences appear."

Leftists are said to control no more than five of the 40 strike committee leaders at the Ahwaz oil refinery, the world's largest. Personnel at the nearby institute of petroleum are divided into pro-Khomeini and pro-Marxist sections. Speakers there lecture crowds like a smaller-scale version of Tehran University.

A Marxist student read a list of demands purporting to represent views of workers supporting the Chierakha Fedaye Khalq, or People's Sacrifice Guerrillas.

It was a suave mixture of local bread-and-butter issues — such as taking over army officers and secret policemen's housing, canceling debts to the company, and upgrading salaries — to political demands for a people's army, wholesale nationalization of industry, banks and foreign-owned businesses, and a say in NIOC oil company policy decisions.

Islamic puritanism is in full swing in Khuzestan. In Ahwaz, where sweaty Gulf weather has made beer swillers out of the local population, soldiers of the revolution caused consternation by destroying all the beer they could lay their hands on in stores, nightclubs and warehouses.

Some residents say two ships were turned back with two million beer bottles as cargo. Bulldozers crashed into containers full of beer.

In a central Ahwaz park the breasts of a reclining female statue have been hacked off in an apparent fit of modesty.

Iranian oil workers, from day laborers to engineers, are convinced they can run the oil fields by themselves and maintain production at 6 million barrels a day maximum capacity without benefit of the foreign technicians who have been chased away by violence in recent months.

Even the relative handful of foreigners remaining in Khuzestan apparently believe that far fewer expatriates than before are really needed.

Shamsi may or may not be right in claiming that 80 per cent of experts with contracts with the Western operating company were not needed. But the revolutionary authorities clearly are determined to train more Iranians abroad and to ensure that those already trained are properly employed.

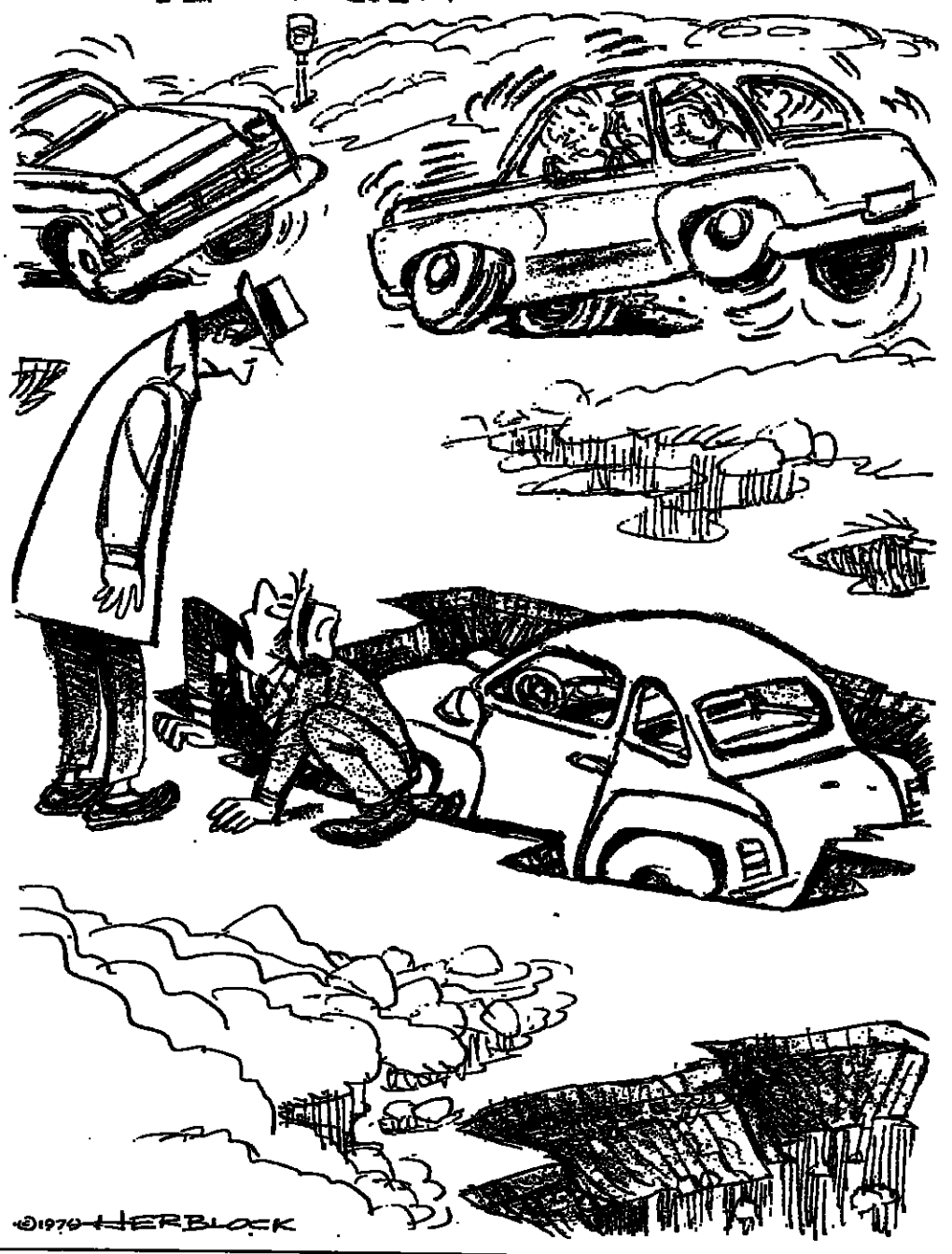
"We were tired of being treated like fourth-class citizens in our own country," Shamsi said. (WP)

facing Syria and Jordan. Thus the proposed agreement with Egypt will give Israel something it had always wanted during the last 30 years, which means that the eastern front will be under enormous pressure. This is so because Israel gets its arms easily and cheaply from the United States which ensures its military superiority. Egypt will be paralyzed even in its own front with the enemy let alone in others in case of war. The situation in Sinai under the agreement will allow it little freedom of action.

The increased U.S. military supplies to Israel — reportedly worth 7.5 billion dollars — will ensure continued Israeli military superiority. The paper called for new Arab moves to reassess their military and political potentialities to face the new situation created by the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

The general strike in the occupied lands reaffirms the

"I HARDLY GOT IT SHOVELED OUT OF THE SNOW BEFORE I LOST IT IN A POTHOLE"



Chadli in tight corner

By John Gresham

Colonel Benjedid Chadli, Algeria's new President, won his post after a bitterly fought though outwardly peaceful, battle that lasted for nearly three months.

In the lists were the foreign minister, Abdul-Aziz Boumedienne, a reluctant candidate representing the moderate, economically liberal interests of the great State enterprises; an Sala Yahiaoui, who had been charged by the late President Houari Boumedienne with revitalizing the political structure of the ruling FLN (National Liberation Front).

The hard-line Yahiaoui opposed not only by liberals, but also the Army, whose vast power throughout the country administrative and political; well, Chadli himself was military commander of the vital western region, on the sensitive border with Morocco.

The Army, therefore, he everything to fear from a revised FLN and Chadli was not much a compromise candidate, someone who was put in firm by the Army to keep Yahiaoui out.

But his room for maneuver still highly circumscribed. Initially, the economic options limited by the vast investment plans already under way, based on Algeria's highly profitable, and gas reserves. The 30-year dash for economic self-sufficiency, through the judicious use of Western capital, being watched with intense interest throughout the Third World.

But even if Chadli wanted change course, Algeria is fully committed to the American and European financial markets to pull out now. The only problem is how to keep the money in the meantime; a there the choice of a military leader takes on its full significance.

Internationally, there is the surface, more room for maneuver. Given that the international socialist options appear to be fixed, it would still be possible for Algeria to disengage itself from the Western Sahara conflict. Leaving aside the Polisario guerrillas themselves, two of main protagonists, Mauritania and Algeria, have changed their heads of State within the last months. In theory, that should make agreement easier to reach.

Mauritania certainly was in a state of total collapse; nobody is going to be willing to give the massive aid required so long as it is in danger of being defeated, as it has already been by Polisario.

The president of Mauritania, Colonel O. Salek, has reportedly said he ready to negotiate and moved away from the Moroccan camp back towards Mauritania traditional alliance with Algeria.

Morocco, the third country involved, is playing down reactions to recent highly successful Polisario attacks on its own southern garrison town and is clearly waiting for chance to get out of a war it cannot win, and cannot afford.

So the ball is firmly Algeria's court. But Chadli under pressure from all sides and if he moves towards moderates, he may well need keep the Sahara war going, guarantee, at least to the outside world, of Algeria's commitment to socialism and independence.

In the last analysis, the issue may depend on the Polis themselves. If they show themselves — and they have not — so yet — willing to accept compromise with their demand for independence for the whole of the disputed former Spanish territory, then Algeria might be able to use the change of President as an excuse for getting the hook. (OFNS)

ISRAEL'S GAINS

Second only to the Palestinians, the Egyptians have suffered the most from the interminable wars with Israel and the state of war in the region the last 30 years. But would separate peace mean an end to Egyptian suffering and anxiety? We doubt it ever could.

The Egyptians are Arabs living in the Middle East, much of which is still occupied by Israel, even if the latter agrees to leave the administration of Sinai to the Egyptians. Three million Palestinians are homeless, directly because of Israeli actions and policies. The remaining Arab states whose lands are occupied, and the continuing plight of the Palestinians will always be there to militate against the proposed peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. At best it will be a truce until the situation flares up again and threatens to shatter it, because it is not founded on the solid ground of a just and lasting peace.

President Sadat is so firmly committed to such a settlement that he may find it hard to change his mind. President Carter desperately wants it to boost his popularity at home and earn a place in history. Israel stands to gain from both men. It is giving up little booty for the neutralization of the largest Arab state with the most serious military potential. It won't be long before it consolidates its control of the occupied lands and even provokes Syria with a view to destroying its military capability for some time to come. When this happens, the Egyptian people will find it immensely embarrassing to stand idly by and watch their comrades in arms over so many wars, fight without them.

If this seems unlikely, at present, one should remember that European states automatically went to war against Germany when the latter invaded any of their neighbors. More spectacular still was the entry of the United States on behalf of Europe twice this century and it will do so a third time if need be. The U.S. went into a long, protracted war when South Korea was invaded and fought its longest war when South Vietnam was threatened by the North. It is now sending an aircraft carrier to the Gulf to underscore its commitment to the stability and security of its friends and to safeguard its own interests however far they may be from its own shores. It is difficult to imagine the Egyptians hurrying to the rescue of their Arab neighbors in times of distress?

FRENCH BID

It was encouraging to hear that the leaders of Morocco and Algeria may meet shortly to sort out their differences.

If true, and we earnestly hope so, it would mean a singular success for the good offices of French President Giscard d'Estaing who recently received King Hassan in Paris. Mauritania, another party to the conflict in the North African desert, is even more anxious to enter into negotiations to put an end to the ruinous war in that part of the Arab world.

Until President Houari Boumedienne died, it was nearly impossible to arrange a summit meeting between the three leaders and representatives of Polisario which is fighting for the independence of the old Spanish Sahara from Moroccan and Mauritanian control.

The road to a solution now appears not only short but quite easy. Algeria under Boumedienne supported the Polisario and made it possible for the front to continue harassing the Mauritania and Moroccan almost indefinitely and now the smaller and poorer Mauritania, teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, Morocco has had to curtail some of its development plans to pursue the war. In the end it became evident that a peaceful solution had to be found if the royalties from the Saharan phosphate mines are to be of any use to the people of the region, and if Algeria is to save its resources and armaments for its own benefit.

France has had something positive to do with the attempted rapprochement although it is involved militarily on behalf of Mauritania, at least from the air. Mauritania has been seeking a peaceful settlement since the coup d'etat last June. So there would seem to be reasonable grounds for optimism that the process of peace might be started fairly soon.

saudi press review

"Al-Medina" Thursday said President Carter's visit may end up as a storm in a teacup because those involved in it have failed to diagnose the ills of the region. It said that Egyptian and Israeli reactions to further American proposals are not a reliable way of measuring their adequacy because they seem to be optimistic every time there is a new proposal.

The new proposals do not in any way affect the situation positively. On the contrary, concentrating on a separate peace treaty may only complicate matters further. Besides, the central proposals do not in any way attempt to solve the Palestinian question, which is at the center of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

President Carter would have better consolidated his position

by trying to find a just and lasting solution for the whole Middle East problem. He should have left his options open by making contacts with even one, including a summit meeting with Yasser Arafat. He would have then salvaged his country's reputation, which is now totally against a fair deal for the Palestinian people.

A writer in "Al-Bilad" welcomed signs of rapprochement between Turkey and Greece and said that both governments have recently been making conciliatory statements which should be used to bring about a lasting peace between the two countries. He gave some reasons for this:

— Both countries are suffering from an economic squeeze partly caused by military spend-

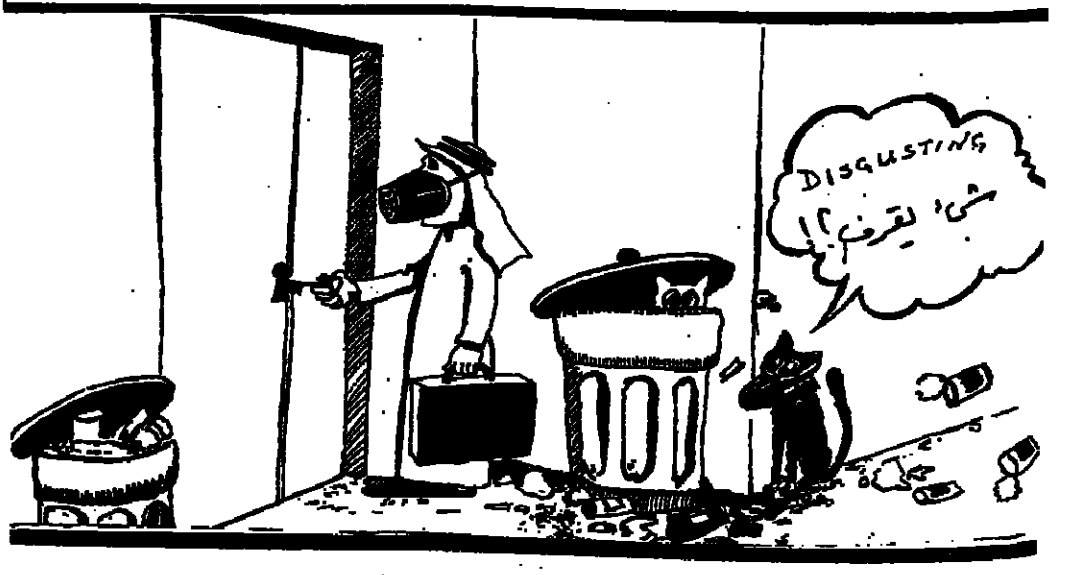
ing because of the prevailing tension between them;

— The European community is anxious to strengthen its southern tier because of the crises and changes in Afghanistan and Iran. But this would be difficult unless Greece and Turkey settle their differences. With this in view the European community has brought pressure to bear on the two countries which resulted in the recent friendly statements, the newspaper said.

Commenting on Carter's visit to Egypt and Israel, "Al-Jezira" said that one should expect a few changes and developments in the area shortly. The aim of the enemy, with the support of the United States, is to isolate Egypt militarily so that it may concentrate its forces along the eastern front

Arabs' rejection of any proposed solution that does not meet the minimal requirements for a just and lasting peace, according to an editorial in "Okaz".

The paper said that while President Carter was visiting Israel and Egypt, the Security Council was discussing the persecution of Arabs in the occupied territories. Israel plans to retain them and to eradicate their Arabic character. "This shows that the U.S. is determined to go it alone and to settle the issue according to its own way of thinking which is closer to that of Israel than to that of the Arabs," the paper said. Whatever the results of the visit, it added, peace in the Middle East will always depend on Israel's adherence to international public opinion and withdrawal from all the occupied lands and restoration of Palestinian rights. Tension will continue until it escalates into a full scale conflagration.



The 'gold sheikhs' of Dammam

By Barry Reynolds

DAMMAM — In the dusty, labyrinthine passages behind the Dammam vegetable souk they are known as the "gold sheikhs." The name carries no princely authority. It does, however, reflect the Al-Nimr family's reputation in the precious metals trade. Members of this huge, Al-Hasa family own about 80 gold sales and work shops in the Dammam area alone.

At 48, goldsmith Hamad Hussain Al-Nimr is not the family patriarch. Yet he most exemplifies the currents of change and continuity in the family gold trade.

(kaladas) move effortlessly from hot plate to cutter. The gold dust is filtered automatically into a lower shelf for future use. There is room for improvisation upon the set floral designs, but not much. Upstairs, things are ordered and clean. The activity here is efficient.

Downstairs, Hamad sits cross-legged amid friends sipping tea in a workshop cluttered with heavy, rusting tools. It is only when special pieces are sent downstairs for "effects" that the place assumes the authority of a workshop. Friends quietly beg their leave while Hamad lays a necklace on the anvil. No coun-

in his dying craft, Al-Nimr holds no illusion of returning his shop to the anvil. "This place could never produce the gold pieces needed for my family's shops if they waited for my hand work," he says. "The cost of living is much higher than it was when I worked alone."

So is the price of gold. Reflecting the sparkle of romance and the promise of security, gold is regarded here as it is around the world — the safest hedge against an uncertain future.

On the international metals market, gold has risen from \$ 43 an ounce in 1971 to an all-time high this year of \$ 254 an ounce.

on popularizing more predictable commodities, rising gold prices have proven a nightmare. But for the Al-Nimr gold sheikhs, the trend is explainable. "People still don't trust governments with their money," says Hamad. "They want to actually feel their richness and even to hide it if they must. Many trust a hole in the ground instead of banks."

The Dammam goldsmith says he personally knows families in the area who have more gold stashed away in their homes than some of his merchant-cousins have in their gold shops.

"Sometimes," he adds, "they come to my workshop just to see me cut the gold. They would not think of going to my cousin the carpenter or his cousin the tailor just to watch him cut thobes, but they come to see me throw gold dust in a pan."

Although many local shops are now heavily importing gold that is already worked — chiefly from Italy or Switzerland — 80 per cent of Al-Nimr's finished pieces are crafted here in Dammam. For best buys, one should look for a Saudi goldsmith's name on the piece. Unlike gold crafted abroad, which absorbs a three per cent import tax before reaching the Kingdom's souks, Saudi-worked gold carries no tax. In addition, it is usually of a higher quality karat — 18 or 21 — and thus is more valuable per ounce than much of the gold jewelry now available in the West.

The relatively small number of Dammam goldsmiths — no more than 15 — come almost exclusively from the Hofuf area, particularly from Muhtaragah. Why from this relatively insignificant Eastern provincial town?

"Our large family came from there," Hamad laughs.

But there were more practical reasons for Hofuf's gold-making fame. Unlike Dammam, says Al-Nimr, Muhtaragah was and still is a quiet place to learn a serious trade. Even machine-etching requires great concentration and goldsmithing fathers want their sons to learn in an area free of urban distractions. Thirty years ago, according to Al-Nimr, Muhtaragah was a town without large-scale trade. Goldsmithing was a portable



Hamad Al-Nimr talks with friends while fashioning gold pieces.



Hassan and Ali Al-Nimr cut and engrave gold by machine.

When he first arrived in Dammam from Muhtaragah nearly 35 years ago, Hamad's smithing equipment — a small anvil, hammer, file and pliers — could be carried in a satchel. In a productive week he shaped 200 grams of gold. Today his two sons, Hassan and Ali, cut and engrave 40 kilos a week using mammoth, stainless-steel etching machines imported from Beirut.

Al-Nimr's smithy is a casteless upstairs-downstairs sort of family enterprise. Upstairs, the young sons sit intently behind gleaming electric engravers. The gold bangles and necklaces

terfeit could survive the heavy blows which follow, nor the heating, bending and shaping that gives the necklace its ultimate, leaf-like form. However, it is in the etching itself — firm yet sensitive — of Hamad's more idiosyncratic style sets him apart from his sons.

"I prefer to work with the hand tools," he says, "but the work goes faster upstairs. With the new machines it is sometimes hard to tell one goldsmith's work from another. In the old days, a man's style was his name. Now it is his machine and they are all the same."

Despite an aging man's pride

Some market analysts believe it will pass the \$ 300 mark by this time next year.

Here in Dammam souk, where Saudis and foreigners alike invest much of their earnings in exportable and heavy gold jewelry items, the trend has been similar. From SR 23,500 a kilo in late December, it has jumped to SR 27,500 this month.

Approximately one-fifth of the world's gold market supply — or 300 tons — were traded in the Gulf States last year. After Iran, the Kingdom ranked second with 45 tons of gold purchases. For governments intent

asset, so many fathers taught it to their sons as a security hedge in much the same way that people buy gold today.

"Oil has brought Saudi Arabia great wealth," Hamad says, "but I want my sons to have a future that is not just oil. What they choose to do after is their business, but at least their hands will be worth something."

Hamad's hands have not brought his family enormous wealth. His youthful desire to absorb other craftsmen's styles, however, enabled him to travel widely. When he was 18, he journeyed to Bahrain, Kuwait, India, Syria, Egypt and Italy. What he saw convinced him that there is a distinctive Saudi style of goldsmithing.

While it is not so fine a style as one sees in the souks of Cairo or Damascus, when handcrafted it is a cruder but truer version of ancient models. "Like the silver Bedouin jewelry," he says, "our pieces are heavier than those of other countries and made to last a long time. In the past, a Saudi jewel box often held all the family's wealth."



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Jojoba bean cures for baldness, warts

By Jennifer Seder

LOS ANGELES — In Hollywood, cosmetologist Millard Tapp says hair is growing on his formerly bald pate, thanks to regular shampooing with jojoba oil.

In Peoria, Illinois, a research chemist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture predicts that jojoba oil may some day cure warts, fill gas tanks and wax floors.

The object of all these miraculous claims is a bean that comes from a spindly-branched shrub called jojoba (ho-bo-ba) that grows wild in the desert of southern California, in southern Arizona and on Mexico's west coast.

Oil from the bean is being called the new "liquid gold" of the West, and jojoba prospectors with as little as one acre of land are banking on its future.

"It's the bean of the month, and everybody's talking about it as if it were a brand-new discovery," Dr. Thomas Sternberg, professor emeritus of dermatology at UCLA's school of medicine says.

Sternberg, who shampoos his own hair with jojoba oil, recommends it for patients with skin and scalp ailments.

Has he noticed an improvement in his own hair growth? "I haven't really seen any change because I happen to have a good head of hair," he states. "But my patients are happy with it, and there seem to be no side effects."

Until a few years ago, the strange, unsightly jojoba shrub was virtually unwanted except by environmentalists and American Indians. The latter for centuries squeezed oil from the nuts and used it to soothe skin burns and shine the hair. Horticultural research groups, such as the one headed by Dr. Lemoyne Hogan of the University of Arizona at Tucson, were also interested in the bush as they believed it would make an economical landscape plant to beautify highways.

Then, the experts struck oil. The jojoba bean — 50 per cent of which consists of a clear, odorless liquid wax or oil — proved to be a new, natural source of energy and a base for cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Companies found that the beans produced a lubricating agent just as good as sperm whale oil. (Sperm whale hunting by Americans was outlawed in 1970.)

"The name of the game is to be the first and the quickest in cultivating plantations," says citrus fruit tree grower Gary Bisel, head of Ranchers Investors and Equity, which has 1,500 acres of wild jojoba plants leased in Tucson and is planting another 700 domestic acres in the same area. "Our aim is to corner the market," he adds, noting that in three years he plans to devote 10,000 acres to the cultivation of the plant, making his plantation the nation's largest.

"The market is there. Every day cosmetic companies are asking us for supplies we can't provide," he says.

In the cosmetics industry, the hottest use of jojoba oil so far is in shampoos and scalp treatments. Research conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture has shown that jojoba oil is effective against sebum, a fatty hormonal discharge secreted by the sebaceous gland of the scalp. Sebum deposits tend to collect around the hair follicles and harden, thereby clogging pores on the scalp, inhibiting hair growth.

Tipp, the Hollywood cosmetologist who attributes his new hair growth to jojoba oil, says he'd even tried restoring his hair with cell therapy in Mexico and at the Niehans Clinic in Switzerland to no avail. "I don't believe it myself, but I've been using jojoba oil for six months and my bald pate is filling in."

Glenn Braswell, publisher of "The Body Forum" magazine, is another jojoba convert. Braswell is so convinced that "zero hair loss" is possible with regular jojoba shampoos, that he offers his readers a \$50 credit if, after using his jojoba scalp cleanser for a month, they "do not agree that my jojoba oil is the superior hair cleansing product."

Marc Bernstein, president of Arrum Products, Inc. of Beverly Hills, also claims his jojoba shampoo can help to prevent hair loss. In the past year, he says his shampoo (which costs \$10 for an 8-ounce bottle of shampoo and a half-ounce bottle of oil) has been marketed by 5,000 health and beauty shops in the U.S. and Canada. Last year he quotes sales of just under \$1 million.

"My only problem is getting jojoba oil," says Bernstein, who attributes the high cost of his product to the current "oil war" going on with his local suppliers. "When I was started, the going price was \$23 an ounce. Now it's

New treatment renders dramatic effects on severe acne

By Christine Doyle

WASHINGTON — Severe acne, previously resistant to all the usual forms of treatment, is clearing dramatically with a new experimental treatment.

Tests with a synthetic vitamin A derivative for four months cleared or almost cleared large inflammatory nodules on the faces and chests of 47 severely affected sufferers. Twenty-nine were completely cleared, 10 almost completely cleared and those remaining showed "dramatic improvement."

An important aspect of the trial, led by Dr. Gary Peck at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, is that once treatment stops the improvement continues. Many patients have been in remission for up to 20 months.

Dr. Peter E. Pochi, of Boston University, describes the success of the treatment and the long-term effects as "remarkable" in the "New England Journal of Medicine" where tests with the first 14 patients are reported. Average age of the acne patients was 24 with slightly more men than women. They had

suffered what is described as "unremitting nodular cystic acne" for an average of 10 years.

Dr. Pochi notes that the improvement is unlikely to be a psychological placebo effect. Previous courses of antibiotics, X-rays, steroids, and another naturally occurring vitamin A derivatives produced only marginal improvement.

The synthetic vitamin A derivative used in the tests is called 13-cis-retinoic acid. For the chemically minded it is a geometric isomer of all-trans-retinoic acid which occurs naturally.

It seems that the synthetic version of vitamin A acts by direct drying-up of oil glands in the skin, and this persists once the drug is stopped. Excess wax in the skin is firmly linked with acne.

Both Dr. Peck and Dr. Pochi warn that, despite the potential importance, these are early days in testing an experimental drug. Larger studies are needed.

Peck also warns teenagers that over-the-counter vitamin A does not have a similar effect and that it would be misguided to try to treat acne with vitamin A, which in large doses may be poison, causing liver, bone or nerve damage.

Some 80 per cent of teenagers are thought to suffer from acne to some degree. The chief consolation is that the majority grow out of it. But for about two per cent severe acne persists with distressing disfigurement and scarring and psychological harm. Absence from school or work is frequent.

The new drug, developed by Hoffman-La Roche, has been used for some other severe skin complaints but with much less effect.

Its previous successful use has been during animal tests, where it helps to prevent cancer spreading. A trial to prevent bladder cancer is now being planned. It was the effect of 13-cis-retinoic acid on certain cells during the animal studies which suggested a possible use against acne.

It is a potent drug, and there is concern about side effects. So far the effects have been limited to such things as drying of the nasal tissues, conjunctivitis and, ironically, some facial dermatitis. But these clear once the drug is stopped, and in future it is thought smaller doses will be equally effective. It cannot be taken by pregnant women. —(OFNS)

almost double that price, and I have to wait to get it."

The oil isn't the only thing going up in the jojoba market. Real estate, particularly in the former wasteland areas where it grows, has shot up as much as 60 per cent. And landowners lucky enough to have an acre of wild jojoba stands are selling their beans to the highest bidder.

Area real estate agent Don Steelman of S.G. Barkin Real Estate Co. says, "It seems like a real Cinderella story. Some good fairy has come along and waved her wand across all that ugly land and turned it into sheer profit."

Steelman claims that three years ago the going price of land in the area was about \$800 an acre. Last year, that same land sold for \$3,500 to \$4,700 an acre. "People have started to put up fences and ride around in trucks with shotguns to keep the locals and hippies from picking their beans," says Steelman.

Kelley Dwyer, vice president for operations at Jojoba International in Carpinteria, Calif., one of the largest budding jojoba businesses, agrees that the demand for land and oil is increasing daily. In the past two

years, his company has moved \$3 million worth of seedlings and, says Dwyer, the demand for oil has one up a whopping 700 per cent in the past 12 months.

Dr. Thomas Miwa, the USDA chemist in Peoria, says the supply problem probably won't ease for at least another 10 years, when the new jojoba shrubs reach maturity. (It takes the jojoba plant about 10 years to reach maturity, and four years to produce beans.) "The last crop to be domesticated in the United States was the soybean," says Miwa. "Now we can say that jojoba will emerge as the next new agricultural crop."

Dr. D. M. Yermanos, professor of agronomy at the University of California at Riverside and considered one of the leading authorities on jojoba, agrees.

He has for 23 years been researching ways to use the plant and, last September, presided with Dr. Miwa at the third international conference on jojoba in Riverside. Dr. Yermanos believes now is the time to develop the crop worldwide.

"It could put millions of acres of problem land to good use. It's the next frontier of agriculture," says Yermanos. —(LAT)

A race problem begins to emerge in Sweden

STOCKHOLM — Sweden has a growing immigration problem, and for a country that has for so long basked in self-righteous isolation while handing out liberal homilies on race to Britain and America, it is more than a little embarrassing. Sweden's problem is centred on a circular complex of concrete and glass called Navestad. Hous-

ing blocks there are vandalized, drink cans and plastic carrier bags of household refuse litter the corridors, walls are defaced with graffiti and you don't open your door at night without checking who is outside.

The Swedes who moved in, flushed with idealism in the early 1960s, have long since moved out, disillusioned and with stories for anyone who will listen of how depressing and dehumanizing it was to be a cog in the concrete wheel.

The only Swedes who live in Navestad today are those with nowhere else to go. The rest of Navestad's residents are immigrants — mostly Finns.



TURKISH QUARTER: One of Jeddah's remaining coral-brick and palm-wood houses in the souk, with its distinctive, lattice window boxes. (Photo by Barry Reynolds)

It is an explosive situation. If the immigrants are out of work and living on social security — and many are — they are accused of being parasites; if

they have work they are accused of taking jobs from Swedes. Navestad erupted into violence when a Finnish family were attacked in their home. Now the

immigrants have organized their own defense committee. The problem didn't begin in Navestad and, although there has been a rash of activity among

the local police and welfare services, no one really believes it will end there. There are more than 700,000 immigrants in Sweden. —(OFNS)

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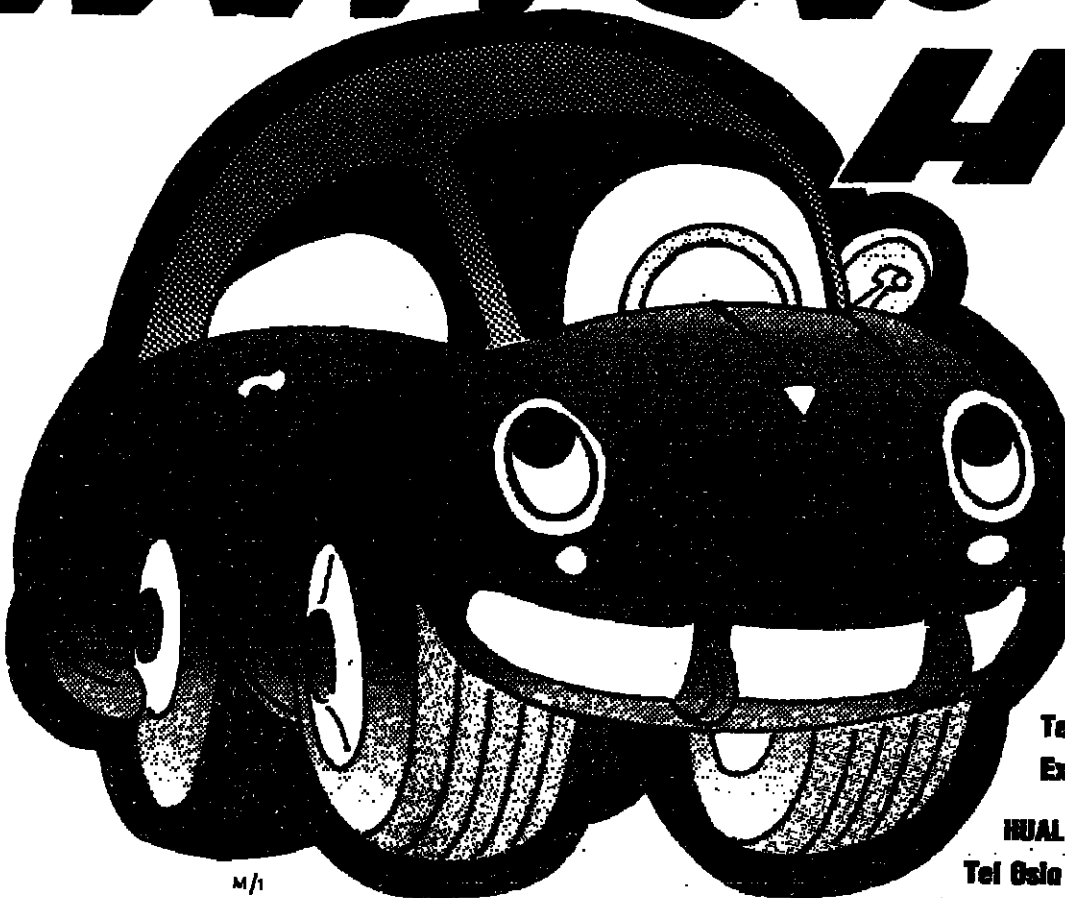
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Removing the barriers between art and craft in pottery

By Sarah Booth Courroy

WASHINGTON — A while back, Peter Voukos — the man some say singlehandedly tore down the barriers between art and craft in pottery — was, as usual, riding around Berkeley, California, in his pickup truck.

Voukos rides his 1973 Chevy pickup truck with its 100,000 miles as if it were a stallion. Paradoxically, it has power, everything — and a place in the front to hold his drink and his cigars. "My wife has a Volvo. But she drives my truck when I'm not around."

Anyway, Voukos was tooting and trucking around Oakland, looking at factory smokestacks, the pipes coming out of the ground here and there, the maze of electric wires — all the things he works into his craft, his art. And then he saw it — a great big food factory. It must have been 3,500 square meters. It was just what he wanted for a place to live, a place to work.

So he scratched his head a while, thinking how he could pay for the building. And he went to his dealers and proposed a new series of 200 ceramic plates. The dealers didn't much like the idea, but a businessman, a friend, did. He said, "You need money? I'll get it for you." And he wrote me a check. We shook hands and I went home and started to make plates. "Now the dealers are having to buy the plates from him — and it's costing them," said Voukos, the artist as the entrepreneur.

Voukos' ceramic plates sell for \$1,500, going up soon to \$2,000. That's a lot. "Prices for art today are over-inflated, staggering," Voukos said. "But people don't care. They figure out a way to get tax write-offs on art."

The plates are about 45 centimeters in diameter and clay-colored with holes poked in them. There are blisters here and there. Large hunks are etched back in, and they are treated with red spots. They sell like hot plates. They are plates to stand

on shelves in art niches, not plates to eat from. Some of the bowls he's made — also with holes gouged in them — he calls "soup bowls for people who hate soup."

No wonder. Voukos is probably the biggest signature in contemporary pottery in the country. In the past 20 years, he has lectured, demonstrated, juried and joined in more than 200 art events across the country. He has held 20 one-man shows and been a part of 100 group shows. He is a full professor of art at the University of California at Berkeley. But through his cross-country appearances, he has shaped, as though with a potter's wheel, a whole generation of artists-craftworkers.

Recently he came to Washington to give a two-day clay workshop sponsored by American Craft Council's local chapter and Greenwood Gallery. Voukos, whose parents are Greek-born, likes to play Zeus and the thunderbolt. On the day of this interview, his lightning was dimmed by the hour, 1:45 P.M.; 1:45 A.M. is more his time.

At 54, he still likes to wear striped T-shirts all the time to enhance his Ouzo image. He has a strong face with a stubborn nose and generous lips, usually pulled back in a grin. He's balding in a U-pattern, leaving a patch of black hair poking out at front.

His hands seem far too sturdy and big for his thin arms. He stands about 5 feet 11 inches, but hunches over when he walks — he's been called the gorilla of the potting wheel. He likes the macho image; he grows and swears as he works. Students love his demonstrations. They're counted as great theater on their own. Sort of conceptual art or happenings.

Currently he is the subject of a major retrospective organized by the American Crafts Council's Museum of Contemporary Art, now touring the United States. Voukos, because his work is exhibited in first-class art galleries, is taken seriously by art critics, and his work is priced as

the fine art it is. So it isn't surprising that his plates have bought him the space he wanted. Along about now, Voukos will be moving into Ann Adair and 4½-year-old son Aris into the food factory.

"Our other place," said Voukos, "another warehouse-factory sort of building a few blocks away, was getting crowded." Aris takes a lot of room. I need to isolate the studios from him. I'd come down to work and my pliers would be gone. Or my screwdriver would be all messed up. He brings in all his friends with their tricycles and they trash my tools.

"But the new building is going to be fine. Though when I went to look at it the other day, all that space almost spooked me. We'll use about 4,000 square feet as living quarters. The metal working studio — a great big 30-foot-high space — will take about 5,000 square feet. The rest will be the pottery, the painting studio and the outside deck.

"It should be great. That way, I could work on a bronze sculpture, a pottery plate and a painting all in the same day if I felt like it."

Voukos likes the idea of moving, one studio to another — sort of an inside trucking. "I don't like to be trapped. I don't want to be caught in a corner. I like to be free."

That's why, he says, he likes real estate. He has four big warehouse buildings, divided into 14 studios. In all, he has 35 separate rentals. Most of them he remodeled them with his own hammer. "Didn't drive a nail into my new studios," he said. "Couldn't afford to. More economical for me to go make plates and hire the other work done. It didn't come out too bad. I have a friend, a builder. I give him free rent in return for his work. The new studios took 2½ years.

"I get energy from doing something different like real estate. It's interesting. It gives me an energy I don't get from

anything else. It helps me and other people." This studio, like the last one, where he lived for 14 years, is at

real charge out of them — at Berkeley or on the road. For a long time he ran a sort of perpetual Saturday night of poker-

(Made under a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts), on first, so his lecture begins about 9 or 9:30 P.M. After a lecture, he likes to keep his fans around him, talking, ever brighter and more frantic as they drop their eyelids one by one.

Voukos is fond of saying he decided to be an artist because he heard they could sleep late.

The night hours are when he works at his art as well. "Some evenings I create art. Sometimes I search art out. Sometimes I run into it accidentally," he said. "It takes about five minutes to throw a large plate. Another 20-30 minutes before it goes into the kiln. But there's all that time before it's ready made. All that time, driving around in the truck. Thinking. There's no way to put a price on the time. But art is the way I get it all out.

"I've always liked to make things. I make things to change my life. I like my life to change every day. Through my art, I can. It helps me as a person."

For the last few years, Voukos has concentrated much of his energy on his large bronze sculptures. But he hopes with the new studios to spend more time on pottery.

"I hate to keep bronze around the house," he said. "I try to get it out of my sight as soon as possible; otherwise, they have to take it away from me. It's never finished. You can keep on working on it — cut, saw, weld, pound. I have to get rid of it, otherwise I'll saw it down, weld it over again.

"Clay is different. Clay has immediacy. You touch it, it moves. You can't change it, after it's baked, except by breaking it. You have to respect it; it's an elemental thing."

Voukos didn't start as a potter. He graduated from high school in Bozeman, Montana, the third of five children of Efrosine and Aris Voukos. He worked as an apprentice molder making Liberty ships from 1941

— 1943, until he was drafted to serve until 1946, mostly as a nose gunner, with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific.

His Army aptitude tests showed "he was talented in engineering and art. He decided on art. He was wild about painting when he first started at Montana State University. But the art department said he had to take a pottery course to graduate. "I said 'No way I'm going to fool around with that.' But when I felt that clay going around in my hands, I fell in love with it. I worked on it night and day. I couldn't get enough clay. So I went out and dug it up myself."

Rose Slivka, in her entertaining book, "Peter Voukos" (published by the New York Graphic Society with the American Crafts Council), writes that Voukos bribed the night watchman by making him a pottery mug and keeping it supplied with coffee. Voukos, for a time, would crawl through a window to get into the pottery studio so he could work at his preferred night hours.

He won the first prize at the 1949 Montana state fair. (Slivka says he still carries the prize, a \$2 check, around in his pocket.) After graduating from Montana, he went to the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, where he did his master's thesis on lidded jars.

When he went back to Montana, he met a brick factory owner, Archie Bray Sr. Bray provided him with a ceramic workshop in Helena in return for Voukos' help in his brickyard. Voukos ran quite a successful production pottery there for some time — making useful objects, vases, plates, cups and saucers.

In Montana he was visited by two other great potters of the period, Shoji Hamada of Japan and his great friend Bernard Leach of England.

His pottery attracted much interest and many students. At that time, pottery was not counted the great art form it is now. If you were an artist, you were a painter then. In 1953, he

had the experience that broke through the fence around fine art.

He was invited to teach for three weeks at Black Mountain College, an avant-garde art hot house in Asheville, North Carolina. Painter Josef Albers, composer John Cage and dancer Merce Cunningham were there at the same time. He was invited to go on to visit New York City where he met Franz Kline and other abstract expressionists (he calls them A.E.'s). This was a revelation to the Western boy who'd never seen museums or art except in books.

Voukos often has decorated his pots with wide slashes of thinned glaze in the abstract expressionist manner, recalling Kline, and the gonging and pimpling of his pottery has been compared to the action painters, such as Jackson Pollack.

Voukos then moved on to the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles, leaving there, Slivka writes, by request when one of his students plastered mud on the walls to start a ceramic mural. In 1959, he went to Berkeley to establish a ceramics department at the university. By that time, he had abandoned the traditional forms of clay — the Greek vase, the age-old plate and cup forms. He was working then more with built-up slabs than the traditional spun shapes.

He began to work in bronze when he shared a studio with a bronze sculptor in Los Angeles in 1957. He moved to his own studio in a warehouse in 1963.

Since then he has alternated between ceramics and bronzes. His 95-meter-high bronze sculpture is outside the Hall of Justice in San Francisco, a commission he won in a competition. He has another nine-meter-long sculpture at the federal building in Honolulu.

So here he is, the man who proved you can be a potter, and still be accepted in all those high-class galleries, command those high prices, and yet be the artist his mother wanted him to be. No wonder Voukos struts around. —(WP)



Peter Voukos with a stacked-pot vase creation.

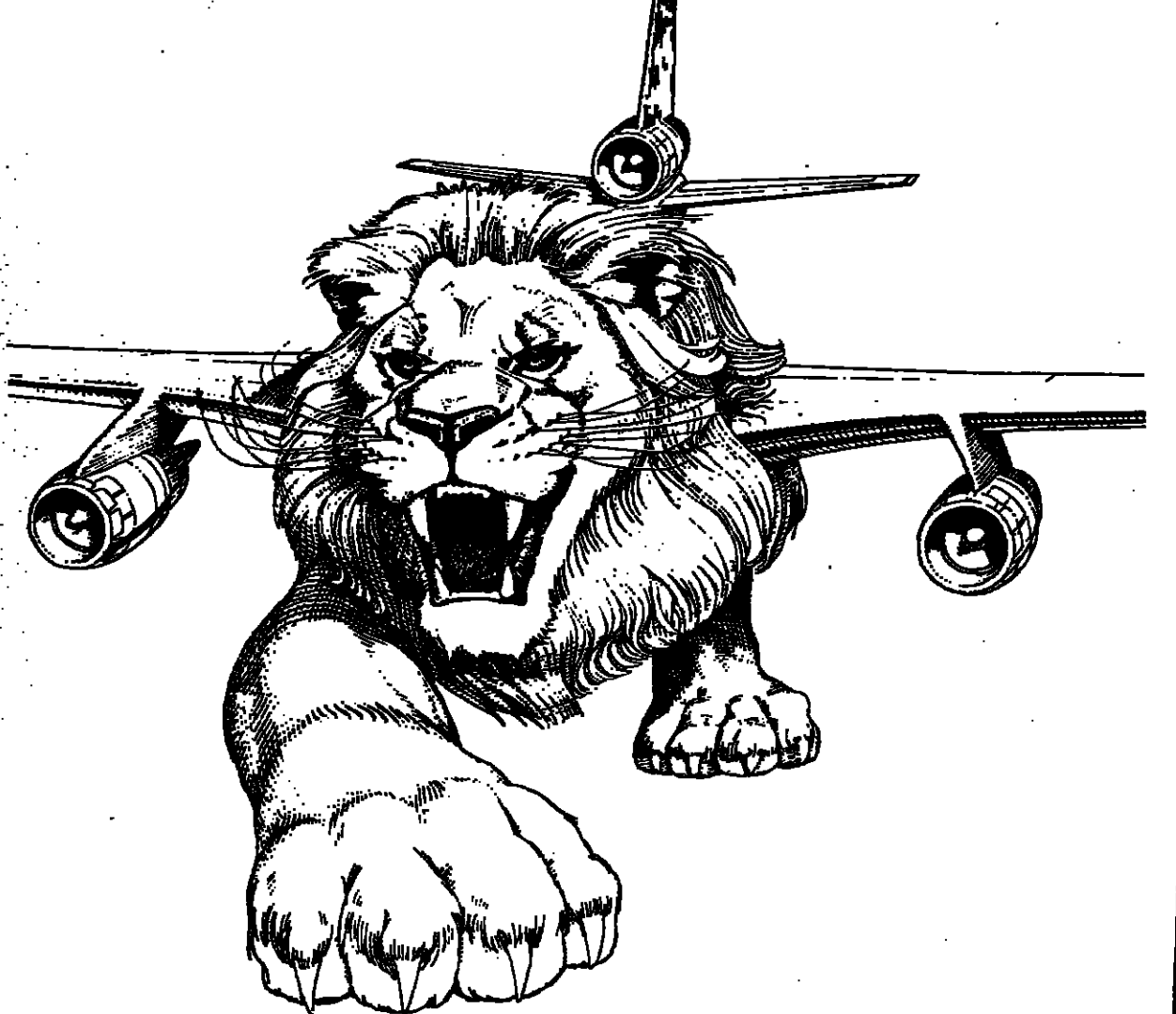
the side of the railroad tracks. He likes to see that train coming down the tracks, the symbol of moving on.

playing, pool-shooting, music-playing in his house. Everybody would come when they wanted to and stay all night.

He teaches 25-30 students 12 hours a week — mostly sculpture, some in clay. He likes to teach by doing his own work with a running commentary. He likes students. You can tell he gets a

Voukos is very much an all-night man. He sleeps late every day. Even on his road trips, he won't teach a class before 2 P.M. He likes the evening lectures far better, and even then he puts the movie, "Voukos and Co."

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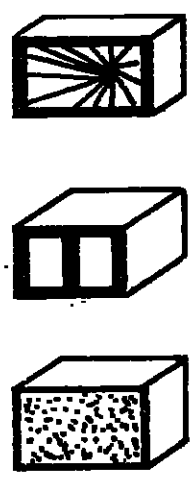
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Forest punishes Grasshoppers, 4-1

LONDON, March 8 (R) — A spate of late goals puts Nottingham Forest in an unassailable position as it trounced Swiss champion Grasshoppers Zurich, 4-1, Wednesday night in their quarterfinal first-leg clash in the European Cup.

Austria's champion Austria Wien was level at 1-1 with five minutes left in its quarterfinal first-leg clash against East Germany's Dynamo Dresden but suddenly broke away twice through Zach and Walter Hanner for a thrilling 3-1 victory.

Dresden had grabbed an early lead against the run of play and the same happened at Nottingham Grasshoppers' ace striker Claudio Sulser notched his 10th goal in five European Cup matches to go ahead of the English champion.

Gary Birtles and John Robertson edged Forest ahead but only a brilliant save by England international goalkeeper Peter Shilton prevented Sulser equalizing for the Swiss champion.

Inspired by Shilton's superb effort, Forest continued to press forward and was rewarded by further goals in the 88th and 90th minutes from midfield dynamo Archie Gemmill and defender Larry Lloyd.

Forest knocked the Holder Liverpool, out of the European Cup in the opening round and is determined to keep Europe's top club trophy in England.

Another late goal, five minutes from time allowed Polish champion Wisla Krakow to scrape a 2-1 home win over Sweden's Malmoe.

British League results

LONDON, March 8 (R) — Results of Wednesday British soccer matches were:

English League Division One

Villa 3 Bolton 0
Norwich 0 Wolves 0

Division Two

Sunderland 1 Wrexham 0

Division Three

Chester 5 Lincoln 1
Ch'field 2 Shrewsbury 0
Oxford 0 Southend 0

Division Four

Bromford 0 Aldershot 2
Hereford 1 Hartlepool 0



LIVERPOOL'S WOES: Peter Barots, Chelsea's newly signed goalkeeper from Yugoslavia dives at the feet of Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool with Chelsea defender John Sinton on right last week. The game ended in a 0-0 draw, a result Liverpool repeated at Coventry Tuesday night.

6 under par

Veteran, newcomer share Florida golf lead

LAUDERHILL, Florida, March 9 (AP) — Veteran Tommy Aaron and newcomer Wayne Levi were tied on 66, six

under par, for the first-round lead Thursday in the \$300,000 Jackie Gleason Invitational Classic here.

Aaron, a former masters champ who has endured a long, dismal slump, birdied four holes in a row over one stretch and played his back nine in 31.

Aaron, who celebrated his 42nd birthday on the same day — Feb. 23 — as Levi celebrated his 26th, said he's "playing better than any time since '73. I can still be better but mostly it's a matter of confidence and having patience with myself. And, when you shoot a few good scores, that tends to build confidence."

Larry Nelson was one shot back at 67. The group at 68, four under par on the 7,127-yard Inverrary country Club Course, comprised British Ryder Cup player Mark James, Australian Veteran Bruce Devlin and Former Masters winner Charles Coody.

At 68 were Ray Floyd, Tom Purtzer, Mark Hayes, Jim Simons and U.S. Open Champ Andy North.

Virtual unknown fires best ever, ties LPGA lead

LOS ANGELES, March 9 (AP) — Vicki Fergon, a virtual unknown on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, fired a four-under-par 68 Thursday, her best competitive round ever, to share the lead with two veterans after 18 holes of the \$100,000 Sunstar classic.

Fergon, 23, who ranked 62nd on the LPGA money-winning last year, was deadlocked with Sandra Spuzich and Jerilyn Britz entering Friday's second round of the second annual 72-hole Sunstar.

Fergon and Spuzich both had five birdies and one bogey over the 6,268-yard, par 37-35 Rancho Park Golf course, and each had nines of 34-34. Britz had six birdies and two bogeys in carding a 35-33.

In her third year on the LPGA tour, Fergon is playing in only her 44th tournament. The 41-year-old Spuzich is in her 18th year as a pro, while Britz, 36, has been a member of the LPGA since 1974.

Sunstar defending champion Nancy Lopez was tied with rookie pro Cathy Smerk for second place at 70. In the group at 71 were Joan Joyce, better known as a standout softball player than a golfer, Pat Bradley, Lily Wu, Barbara Bagrow, and Dale Lundquist.

The first round was delayed for 30 minutes because of early morning fog, but most of the 103 pros and five amateurs played under generally good conditions.

The tournament, which finishes Sunday, offers a first prize of \$15,000.

Chess stalemate as Boris rests

MUNICH, West Germany, March 9 (AP) — All six 10th round matches in the International Grandmaster chess tournament ended indecisively Thursday and tournament favorite Boris Spassky enjoyed a day off.

Matches between Freerik Olafsson of Iceland and Harald Lieb, Robert Huebner of West Germany and fellow countryman Ludek Pactoan, Guttminder Sigurjocson of Iceland and Wolfgang Unzucker of West Germany and Russian Gennadi Balashov and Austrian Karl Rot-basch all ended in draws.

Wenzel stretches cup lead

W. German captures Aspen Giant Slalom

ASPEN, Colorado, March 9 (AP) — Christa Kinshofer of West Germany captured her fourth Giant Slalom of the season Thursday, while Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein increased her overall World Cup lead by finishing fourth.

Kinshofer, a blonde 18-year-old who underwent facial surgery before the season, was tied with Irene Epple, another West German, after the first run, both clocking one minute, 18.86 seconds. But Kinshofer turned in the fastest time of the second run, 1:11.95, for an aggregate of 2:30.81.

Epple had a second run of 1:12.39 for second place with 2:31.25, Marie-Theres Nadig of Switzerland was third with times of 1:20.11 and 1:12.66, for 2:32.77.

Kinshofer has 100 Giant Slalom points, to 95 for Wenzel with two Giant Slaloms left on the tour — one next weekend at Heavenly Valley, California, and another the following weekend in Murano, Japan.

Wenzel's finish also gave her two more points toward the overall crown, which she is defending, and a 216-211 lead over Annemarie Moser-Proell of Austria. Proell, a five-time World Cup champion, could have gained ground on Wenzel if she had finished in the top 25.

That put him in the lead alone, but a windblown long-iron shot caught a bunker on his 16th hole and he bogeyed to fall back into a tie with Aaron.

Women's World Cup standings

ASPEN, COLORADO, March 9 (AP) — Women's World Cup standings after Thursday's Giant Slalom:

Overall standings

1. Hanni Wenzel, Liechtenstein, 216
2. Annemarie Moser-Proell, Austria, 211
3. Irene Epple, West Germany, 183
4. Marie-Theres Nadig, Switzerland, 146
5. Cindy Nelson, United States, 124
6. Fabienne Serrat, France, 112
7. Christa Kinshofer, West Germany, 110
8. Regina Sackl, Austria, 105

Giant Slalom standings

1. Christa Kinshofer, West Germany, 100
2. Hanni Wenzel, Liechtenstein, 95
3. Marie-Theres Nadig, Switzerland, 83
4. Irene Epple, West Germany, 60

Hanni Wenzel

However, after one run she was in 32nd position, and she fell out of the running.

Proell complained of a ton of the flu and a slight fever. Th along with the altitude, 9,200 feet, hampered her performance. In addition, the cou was a long 822.9 meters, and first run had 45 gates, the sec 43 with a vertical drop of 27 meters.

Wenzel had runs of 1:15 and 1:13.29 for her fourth-pl finish with an aggregate 2:32.98. Fabienne Serrat France was fifth with 2:33.15, runs of 1:20.37 and 1:12.78.

Ski cancelled

The World Cup downhill race due to be run Friday Whistler Mountain, British Columbia, has been cancelled.

After inspecting the co Thursday morning the tech jury ruled that the course too fast and that safety prions were inadequate. exhibition Giant Slalom, counting toward the world will be run instead.

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Dutchman boxes to European crown

ROTTERDAM, March 9 (R) — Dutch light-heavyweight Rudy Koopmans improved his prospects for a world title fight by convincingly beating Aldo Traversaro here Thursday night to win the European crown.

Koopmans, 31 and now undefeated in 33 professional fights, forced the Italian to retire at the start of the seventh round of their 15-round contest.

He said afterwards he wanted a crack at the World Boxing Association (WBA) title held by Mike Rosman of the United States, who beat Traversaro in December when the referee stopped the fight in the sixth round.

Koopmans opened up a cut under Traversaro's eye in the fourth round Thursday night and pounded the injury for the remainder of the fight.

Traversaro, 30, who was defending the European title for the fourth time, walked shakily to this corner at the end of the sixth round with blood pouring down his battered face.

Koopmans and Traversaro, both southpaws, were seeking revenge for a disputed draw in the same Rotterdam ring just over a year ago.

Ex-lightweight champ rejects heroin charge

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, March 9 (AP) — Former World Boxing Council lightweight champion Esteban De Jesus, denied Thursday that he had sold 14 grams of heroin to an undercover agent on Oct. 3.

"I have no reason to sell drugs," he said in an interview. "I'm well off financially. I don't know what they (police) have against me."

The 28-year-old boxer said he was considering the possibility of filing suit against local authorities.

De Jesus, who was routed out of his home early Wednesday, was charged with possession with the intent to sell heroin by a municipal judge, Raul Lugo Colon. He was released from custody after he posted a \$5,000 bond.

"They (police) came to my house and said I was under arrest," he said. "I think they were violating my legal rights."

According to the boxer, police have been trying for years to connect him with drugs. De Jesus was implicated and later cleared in a drug-related case three years ago when police confiscated his car and a \$39,000 check in his name.

At the time of his arrest Wednesday, De Jesus was training for a chance at the WBC junior-welterweight title held by Dong Hyun Kim of South Korea.

Promoter Don King had planned to stage the 15-round title bout in San Juan on April 14 or May 5, but the arrest has put the match in doubt.

Col. Miguel Rivera, chief of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, blamed the De Jesus problem on the fighter's friends. "They hurt him," the police officer said. "We are also watching them."



KEEPING BUSY: World heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali sits in sulky as he races Sting Like a Bee to victory in charity race at Haywood Park race course in Illinois Tuesday night. Ali bested a field of four other well-known jockeys.

Aussie batting improved

More even Supertest expected

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 9 (AP) — The Australian team, soundly beaten by 369 runs in the first Supertest of the Packer series in Jamaica last week, is hoping for improved form in the second World

Series Cricket Supertest against the West Indies which was to start here Friday.

Indications are that the contest should be more even than the first.

The Australian batsmen, who failed against the fourpronged West Indies pace attack in the first match, have scored confidence-boosting runs in three one-day matches in the interim.

Martin Kent scored his first century on Wednesday, a brilliant 109 batting at number three. In addition, opener Bruce Laird, Greg Chappell and David Hookes have all run into form with half centuries.

West Indian batsmen have also got among the runs in those matches. Gordon Greenidge, Richard Austin, Desmond Haynes and Vivian Richards have all scored half centuries.

But the result is still likely to depend on the fast bowlers.

The West Indies quartet of Andy Roberts, Mike Holding, Colin Croft and Wayne Daniel wrecked the Australian batting in both innings of the first Supertest and will again spearhead the home team's attack.

The Australians have brought fast bowler Len Pascoe into their team to add sharpness to its bowling. He will partner Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thom-

son, replacing left-handed all-rounder Gary Gilmor.

The West Indies announced the names of 13 from which the final team will be chosen. But only one change from last week is expected. The return of Gordon Greenidge, after missing the first Supertest because of illness, is expected to replace the injured Lawrence Rowe.

Swedes head field of 47 in Kuwait desert car rally

KUWAIT, March 9 (AP) — The lead event in the Middle East Rally Championship began here Thursday with 47 teams participating in a two-day desert rally.

Teams set out at two-minute intervals from the Kuwait Water Towers overlooking the Gulf at 0800 GMT, for the 1250-kilometer route, most of it over unpaved desert roads. Six of the stages were to be crossed during Thursday night.

Leading the rally, were the Swedes Harry Kalstrom and Claus Bilstam in a Datsun team Middle East 1601. They were followed by Frenchmen Jean Agosti and Jean-Marc Andrie in a Renault Five Alpine, flown specially from France for the rally.

McEnroe levels 3-match battle with Borg

In Oslo

OSLO, Norway, March 9 (AP) — John McEnroe, the up-and-coming 20-year-old from New York, beat Swedish three-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 in a three-hour and 10-minute challenge marathon here Thursday night.

McEnroe, this year's Masters champion, leveled the score to 1-1 in the best of three matches he is battling with Borg in Europe and Scandinavia this week.

He now has a 2-3 life-time record against Borg.

Borg won the first match in the series in Munich Tuesday night. The decider is to be played in Randers, Denmark.

McEnroe's win here was worth \$40,000. Borg got half that.

In the fifth-set tie breaker, McEnroe was 3-5 down before staging a strong recovery to win it 7-5—a glimpse of great tennis in a rather mechanical match.

Borg served 15 aces throughout the match, and again proved that his backhand cross is probably the best shot in contemporary tennis.

McEnroe broke Borg in the 2nd and 5th game of the first set to take it 6-3 in 29 minutes.

The 22-year-old Swede broke McEnroe in the fourth game of the second set and served out the 7th game with two aces to win, 6-2.

McEnroe then took the third set in 27 minutes, having broken Borg in the first and again in the ninth games.

before Borg won the fourth set, which saw seven service breaks and three match points to McEnroe, 7-5.

In the decider, games went with service to 6-6. Borg then was 2-0, 3-1 and 5-3 up in the tie-breaker before losing it.

5-7, netting a service return on the final point.

Some 2,500 fans watched the match, which was played on a carpet surface in the Jordal Amfi ice hockey stadium here.

It was the pair's third match in as many nights.

Borg won two sets to one in Vienna last Monday.

In other tennis Thursday, American Hank Pfister upset Argentina's Guillermo Vilas 6-2, 6-3 in the second round of the \$125,000 Grand Smash Cup tennis tournament in



John McEnroe

Sao Paulo.

Vilas had been the favorite to win the \$45,000 first prize.

In the other second-round match, American Roscoe Tanner beat the Nasruse of Romania, 7-6, 7-5.

Also advancing to the quarterfinals were U.S. players Terry Holladay and Kathy May Teacher. Holladay overpowered eighth-seeded Ann Kiyomura, also of the U.S., 6-4, 6-2, and Teacher dented fellow American Barbara Potter 7-5, 6-4.

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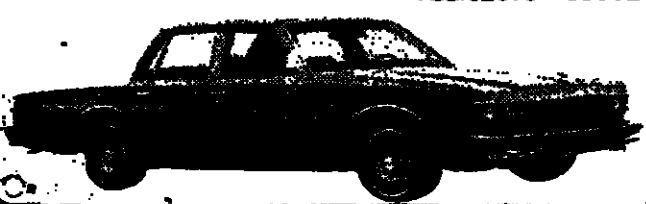
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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PRAYER TIMES

SATURDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:24	6:42	12:39	4:01	6:30	8:00
Medina	5:27	6:40	12:40	4:03	6:30	8:00
Nejd	4:55	6:13	12:09	3:31	5:59	7:29

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
6:30 George Kirby Show	Nancy Wilson
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter	Kotter For Vice Principal
7:25 Rickford Files	Rattler's Class Of 63
8:13 NFL Football	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:

Patches of low and medium clouds concentrate gradually over parts of the northern region, with a possible shower and a drop in the temperature. Surface winds to blow westerly to southwesterly at moderate to active speed, raising dust and sands occasionally. The temperatures will rise over the central region, while misty conditions are expected over the eastern coast during night and in the early hours of the morning.

Sea conditions will be light to moderate in the territorial waters.

Friday temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	28	17	Tabuk	27	21
Jeddah	27	17	Turair	20	07
Riyadh	26	14	Ratha	33	11
Dahran	28	19	Bisha	32	10
Medina	22	13	Yanbu	30	23
Taif	31	15	Abha	19	12

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Afternoon Transmission

2:00 Opening

2:01 The Holy Quran

2:05 Gems of Guidance

2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes

2:20 On Islam

2:30 Hits in Germany

3:00 NEWS

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Islamic Activities

3:30 Leaps and Bounds

3:40 Music

3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission

10:00 Opening

10:01 The Holy Quran

10:05 Message to the Faithful

10:10 Light Music

10:15 NEWS

10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle

10:30 Melody Makers

11:00 Youth Welfare

11:10 Music

11:15 Hot Rock

11:45 The Golden Age

12:00 Imp. Com. & Reflections

12:10 Music

12:15 Mood Music

12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams

01:00 Close Down

VOA

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8:00 News Roundup

8:05 Reports: Actualities

8:10 Opinion: Analyses

8:30 News Summary

8:35 Special English: News; Feature, The Making of a Nation

9:00 News Summary

9:30 Music USA: (Standards)

9:40 News Roundup

9:45 Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opinion: Analyses

10:10 News Summary

10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter

11:00 Special English: News

11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT

Midnight

12:00 News newsmakers' voices

12:05 correspondents reports

12:10 background features

12:15 media comments

12:20 news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News

8:05 Twenty-Four Hours

8:10 News Summary

8:30 Sarah Ward

8:45 World Today

9:00 Newsdesk

9:30 Opera Star

10:00 World News

10:05 Twenty-Four Hours

10:10 News Summary

10:30 Sarah Ward

10:45 Something to Show You

11:00 World News

11:05 Reflections

11:15 Piano Style

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978

12:00 World News

12:05 British Press Review

12:15 World Today

12:30 Financial News

12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Mott Request Show

Midnight Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus

1:30 Discovery

2:00 World News

2:05 News about Britain

2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios

2:30 Sports International

2:40 Radio Newsreel

3:15 Promenade Concert

3:45 Sports Round-up

4:00 World News

4:05 Twenty-Four Hours

4:10 News Summary

4:30 The Pleasure's Yours

5:15 Report on Religion

6:00 Radio Newsreel

6:15 Outlook

7:00 World News

7:05 Commentary

7:15 Sherlock Holmes

7:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:05 Books and Writers

8:30 Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:05 News about Britain

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9:30 Farming World

10:00 Outlook News Summary

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11:30 The Pleasure's Yours

11:35 News Summary

12:15 Talkabout

12:45 Nature Notebook

1:00 World News

1:05 World Today

1:25 Financial News

1:35 Book Choice

1:40 Reflections

1:45 Sports Round-up

2:00 World News

2:05 Commentary

2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

FRANCIS DRAKE

FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
The accent is on meaningful encounters with close ones. Don't let secret doubts creep in. Trust and enjoy good times together.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Pitch in and help with household tasks. Then enjoy the comforts of your own home. Don't let others overstay their welcome.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Short trips may be on the agenda. Accept invitations for local visits. Communications with loved ones are especially romantic.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
You're in the mood for a good bargain and shouldn't have any trouble finding one. Live up to your sign's reputation as a homemaker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
You can express yourself to good effect. Beware of over-organization. You have a captive audience, but don't enslave them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
This is one of those days when you truly might find something of value in the attic. Putting around the house pays off in some way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Social life goes well, providing you don't ask friends to help you with your tasks. Be content with merriment and good fellowship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
You can make meaningful strides now, but don't be such a rush to have everything signed, sealed and delivered. Slow down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22 to Feb. 18) ♒
Tune into the feelings of partners and close allies. Listen to what others have to say for your best success with close ones.

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Says no pullout under way

Vietnam accuses China of atrocities

BANGKOK, March 9 (AP) — Vietnam, in its strongest statement in recent days, Friday accused China of planning to "rotate" rather than withdraw its troops from Vietnam and demanded an "immediate, complete and unconditional" pull-out.

One broadcast called the Chinese "worse than the French and Americans," and accused Peking's soldiers of burning houses, destroying communication lines and stealing everything

in sight, "even women's underwear."

"If the Chinese use the withdrawal as a smoke-screen to prepare for new military adventures, then the Vietnamese people will fight to protect their national sovereignty and territorial integrity," a statement from the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said.

The latest battle report from Hanoi said Chinese artillery lobbed about 1,000 rounds against Lang Son and the surrounding area Thursday. Some of the heaviest fighting in the three-week-old frontier war has been around Lang Son, a provincial capital 130 kilometers northeast of Hanoi.

Two commentaries on the Voice of Vietnam took a sharper tone than the ministry statement, saying the Chinese were actually advancing rather than withdrawing and the pull-out was "a tactic to wait for fresh troops to replace the exhausted soldiers."

The ministry statement demanded an immediate Chinese withdrawal.

A broadcast commentary said 15 million Vietnamese have "risen up" in response to a general mobilization order, but did not define what this meant. Indochina watchers in Bangkok differed on the scale and nature of the fighting. One Western analyst said the fighting was "minor" and that the Vietnamese were allowing the Chinese

to withdraw peacefully. Another source following the war believed sharp clashes continued in some frontier areas, including Lang Son, Dong Dang, Cam Dong and Phuc Hoa.

Analysts admitted it was difficult to say which side was responsible for eruptions of combat.

Neither Vietnam nor China gave reports on the battlefield situation Friday.

The Vietnam news agency, in a report Friday, said that Lang Son had been reduced to ruins and ashes.

"Everywhere we went, we could see tangled electric wires, broken posts and heaps of broken bricks where stood the stadium, the park, the hotel, the thermo-electric power plant and the engineering factory," a Vietnam News Agency correspondent wrote.

The Chinese Wednesday and Thursday attempted to occupy five hills and also fired artillery into areas of coastal Quang Ninh Province and suffered about 100 casualties in fighting in Cao Bang province, according to the Voice of Vietnam.

The Communist Party newspaper "Nhan Dan" said attacks and atrocities by the Chinese were continuing in all frontier provinces, and Chinese claims of victory in the three-week-old war were "imaginary."

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to withdraw peacefully. Another source following the war believed sharp clashes continued in some frontier areas, including Lang Son, Dong Dang, Cam Dong and Phuc Hoa.

Analysts admitted it was difficult to say which side was responsible for eruptions of combat.

Neither Vietnam nor China gave reports on the battlefield situation Friday.

The Vietnam news agency, in a report Friday, said that Lang Son had been reduced to ruins and ashes.

"Everywhere we went, we could see tangled electric wires, broken posts and heaps of broken bricks where stood the stadium, the park, the hotel, the thermo-electric power plant and the engineering factory," a Vietnam News Agency correspondent wrote.

The Chinese Wednesday and Thursday attempted to occupy five hills and also fired artillery into areas of coastal Quang Ninh Province and suffered about 100 casualties in fighting in Cao Bang province, according to the Voice of Vietnam.

The Communist Party newspaper "Nhan Dan" said attacks and atrocities by the Chinese were continuing in all frontier provinces, and Chinese claims of victory in the three-week-old war were "imaginary."

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Kosygin blasts China at Indian parliament

NEW DELHI, March 9 (R) — Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin arrived Friday for talks with Indian leaders and within hours was attacking China for "expansionism."

In a strong speech before the Indian parliament, he also called China a criminal who had encroached on the life of an entire nation by attacking Vietnam.

The Soviet leader, who is on a six-day visit for discussions with Prime Minister Morarji Desai and other Indian leaders, said in an airport speech earlier that there were no differences at all between Moscow and New Delhi.

But the visit comes only three weeks after the return of Indian External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee from talks in Peking and clearly reflects Soviet concern about the recent warming in Sino-Indian relations.

But India has been reappraising its growing relations with Peking since the Chinese invasion of Vietnam — an event which occurred while an embarrased Vajpayee was still in China.

Addressing a joint session of the Indian upper and lower

houses of parliament, Kosygin asked what punishment such a criminal as China deserved.

"No peace-loving country, no person of integrity should remain indifferent when that sort of thing happened, when an aggressor held human life and the world public opinion in insolent contempt," he said.

Kosygin called the Chinese invasion an outrage against international law and "the great principles of peace and independence."

He said forces had emerged in the world which would not allow it, and "those forces include India and the Soviet Union."

Kosygin recalled the words of former Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru that the world faces a choice: either to coexist peacefully or not to exist at all.

The Soviet leader said it would be unpardonable if the least opportunity was missed for cooperating in the struggle against "aggression and blackmail."

Kosygin said his government highly appreciated its cooperation with "friendly India" in strengthening international security, in averting the threat of war and in ending the arms race.



CASUALTY : A wounded Vietnamese soldier is carried from the battlefield south Lao Cai, the provincial capital captured by the Chinese. Hanoi has accused the Peking forces of atrocities. (AP photo)

Pretoria minister denies 'slush fund' involvement

CAPE TOWN, March 9 (R) — South African Finance Minister Owen Horwood Friday denied newspaper allegations linking him and President John Vorster with the country's Information Department slush fund scandal.

He was backed by Prime Minister Pieter Botha, who said in a statement, "I totally reject this false information."

The "Rand Daily Mail" alleged that when Vorster was prime minister, he and Horwood had been members of a cabinet committee which approved secret projects of the now defunct department.

Horwood in a statement noted that he had been cleared of blame by a judicial commission investigating the scandal over massive misuse of government money by the Information Department. The commission

also cleared Vorster.

The "Rand Daily Mail" said the allegations of membership of the cabinet committee came in an interview in South America with Eschel Rhodie, self-exiled former head of the department.

"I do not believe that any such committee existed," Horwood said Friday.

The "Mail" quoted Rhodie as saying that when Vorster was prime minister he had been on a three-man cabinet committee with Horwood and Information Minister Connie Mulder, who has left politics over the scandal.

Rhodie said this committee approved the department's secret projects, including the scheme to set up a pro-government newspaper, "The Citizen."

Horwood said he knew nothing about the "Citizen" project.

Good Morning

Fear of Flying

By Jihad Al-Khazen

Some people are born with a silver spoon and some people are really unlucky. The French might say that the unlucky in gambling is lucky in love; but that's just to console the person because the probably his luck in love is as bad.

What brought all this to my mind is that a friend of mine has just cabled me that he will soon arrive in London for a visit and the friend's luck is generally good, except in air travel.

As a matter of fact he has been traveling by air for 25 years, from the time of the propeller Dakota to the Concorde era — and never once has his plane arrived on time.

Says he: "Sometimes, I would go faster from Jeddah to Riyadh by foot, or from London to Jeddah by sea than by air."

To cite just one example: He boarded the plane with his family to go to London. All his friends went to Heathrow Airport to meet him. As usual the plane's departure was delayed. The airport tower was late in issuing the takeoff order and by the time it did, Heathrow Airport was closed by snow. The plane kept circling around the airport until finally it gave up all hope, landing and headed for Paris. There, it was forced to wait for hours until clearance came from Heathrow that the runway was now safe. As it arrived at Heathrow, again it couldn't land, this time because of heavy fog. The aircraft finally landed in Manchester and our friend got to London only on the evening of the next day.

On his return to Jeddah after spending his vacation, the airport was closed because of fog or a sandstorm (which happens at least once a year). The trip had to be terminated in Taif; and on again the six-hour flight between London and Jeddah took him whole day.

A few days ago, my friend told me that he was coming, his London friends declared a state of emergency. We split in three teams: one team will wait at Heathrow, the other at Gatwick airport and the third will go to Manchester.

The only problem is that there is a small airport in South Wales which we did not think of and most probably our friend will be there.

Sometimes to comfort himself he says: "Better to arrive 10 days late than crash."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsal

This month

Khaddam to visit London

LONDON, March 9 (R) — Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam will pay an official visit to London this month, the Foreign Office announced Friday.

Khaddam's main talks will be

with Prime Minister James Callaghan and Foreign Secretary David Owen, who paid an official visit to Damascus in February 1977.

He will also hold talks with Trade Secretary John Smith and Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,

Arab transport company to meet

AMMAN, March 9 (SPA) — The Transport Planning Committee of the Arab Economic